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Urges State Executive Action On Jobs

Teacher's Exam To Be Offered At LeMoyne Feb. 16

Approximately 100 teachers and prospective teachers in this area are expected to take the National Teacher Examinations being administered under the auspices of LeMoyne College, Saturday, Feb. 16, announces Dr. Floyd L. Bass, dean of the college.

The examinations will be given in the Brownlee Lecture Hall and candidates are advised to be there by 8:30 a.m. Doors to the lecture hall will be closed at 9 a.m., Dean Bass said.



DISCUSSING HEART FUND DRIVE

Discussing heart fund drive with other volunteer workers is Louis B. Hobson, this year's chairman of the Negro Division (standing). Left-right are: A. C. Williams, Mrs. Marguer-

ite Turner, head of Bluff City Council of PTAs; Mrs. Alma Booth and W. F. "Bill" Nabors. (Staff Photo by Mark Stansbury.)

Study Of Negro Employment Reveals Gross Inequities In State Gov't

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Negro use in jobs afforded by agencies of the Tennessee State government was found, in a study released today, to exhibit a pattern of low and restrictive employment, which indicated that while Negroes comprised 16.5 percent of the state population, they held only 7.1 percent of the available state jobs.

Though not suggesting a Negro job quota based on population, the study indicated that this can be used as a standard in assessing the degree of job opportunity. Among the 17,295 employees covered by the study in 14,123 Negro workers — less agencies, there were only than half the number expected percentage. State employment on the basis of population in all agencies is estimated at 20,000.

The study findings were made public at about the same time that Governor Frank Clement presented his "state of the state" message to the Tennessee Legislature, and Dr. Wallace T. Dooley, president of the Nashville Community Conference on Employment Opportunity, sponsor of the study, said that the situation described by the findings "urgently required attention and action by the Governor in his program for the State the next four years."

STATE AGENCIES

"We need a Governor's Commission on Human Rights to project a clear policy of equal opportunity for all citizens, to effect equal rights in state employment and non-discrimination in all aspects of the state establishment and, most importantly, to set standards which can be followed in private sectors of the state economy and in places of public accommodation licensed to do business in Tennessee," Dr. Dooley declared.

In qualitative aspects of state employment—occupation level and range of job types, the study findings pointed to additional aspects of inequity. More than half of the Negro state employees were found in unskilled and janitorial jobs, and some 80 percent fell out-

side the general "white-collar" job classifications.

A total of 1,216 types of jobs constituted the full inventory of the state agencies,

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LeMoyne Co-ed To Appear In Pageant In N.Y.C.

"Miss UNCF" of LeMoyne college, Sadie L. Hollowell, a junior of 3829 Hawkins Mill Road, leaves by American Airlines this Friday morning for New York City where she will appear Saturday night with 31 other coeds in a colorful pageant.



SADIE L. HOLLOWELL

The "Miss UNCF" pageant is a highlight of the 17th annual conference of the National Alumni Council of the United Negro College Fund which will be in session Saturday and Sunday.

Each of the 32 member colleges of the United Negro Col-

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS AFTER 100 YEARS

An Editorial

In the perspective of history two of the most momentous events that swept across the horizon of the American civilization were the Declaration of Independence and the Emancipation Proclamation. These two epic chapters in the nation's annals bear an inter-relationship that transcends the ordinary bounds of chronology.

America's dramatic struggle to free herself from the clutches of John Bull set the stage for the evolution of a new concept based on the self-evident truth that all men are created equal.

From the issuance of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 to the time that President Lincoln freed the slaves in 1863, it took America 87 years to jettison its practice of human bondage.

That the institution of slavery was incompatible with the American concept of freedom was a fact beyond debate. A realization of the contradiction may have so troubled men's consciences that it created the antecedent climate for ultimate freeing of the unhappy slaves.

An independent America could not retain in her bosom enslaved men. Lincoln saw and understood that salient fact. Though historians have attributed other motives to his Emancipation decree, there can be little doubt that in the Emancipator's philosophic mind, human equality loomed as an integral and indispensable part of the American social landscape.

Thus in celebrating the centennial anniversary of that dramatic moment in American history when Lincoln, the

Civil War President, abolished slavery by the stroke of his pen, we are also commemorating the date of an event which truly ushered America into the family of civilized nations.

But the task, after one hundred years, is yet unfinished. The Negro is not enjoying the full measure of a free citizen. The question of racial equality, in the main, is still in the realm of academic speculations.

We have made some progress, yes, but not enough. The forces hostile to social change, to the black man's aspirations to be fully integrated into the nation's cultural stream, have placed themselves at the highway to full and complete recognition of the Negro as a first class citizen.

What other realistic assessment is there to make? It took Federal troops in full combat regalia and some 500 U.S. marshals to force, at the point of bayonets, the admission of a lone Negro student to the University of Mississippi, while in Albany, Georgia, Negroes were hustled to jail for demonstrating peacefully against abuses of their civil rights.

So, today, we repeat, after a hundred years, our civil rights are honored more in the breach than in the observance. We are yet sulking in the lingering shadows of unmitigated race prejudice. Until and unless we are lifted up to full glare of the sunlight of democracy, we shall continue to be half free and half slave.

The task of removing the roadblocks to the fulfillment of the goal of equality, must be set down as America's unfinished business.

\$550 Pledged To Heart Fund Drive During Kick-Off Dinner

The month-long local Heart Fund Drive in the Negro division got underway last Friday, however, the kick-off dinner was held at the Sarah Brown Branch YWCA last Sunday afternoon.

This year's chairman in the Negro division is Louis B. Hobson, principal of Manassas high school. He said in a speech Sunday that he has set this year's goal at \$10,000. He said "if we don't raise that amount I'll be very disappointed."

Hobson went on to say "in previous drives I have discovered two weaknesses (1) not enough sincere volunteer workers, and (2) poor follow-ups on contacts."

Initial pledges amounted to \$550. First to pledge \$100 was Chairman Hobson. Ben G. Olive, Jr., 1962 chairman, pledged \$200, and Universal Life Insurance Company pledged \$250.

Among other persons speaking were A. C. Williams, co-chairman of this drive, Dr. James Culbertson, president of the Memphis Heart Association and professor of medicine at the University of Tennessee, who explained that the Heart Association started in 1929 (34 years ago); Dr. Thomas Stern, Thomas Durham, executive director of Memphis Heart Association; W. C. Weathers, Dr. John E. Jordan, Howard Jackson, Jr., Rev. E. W. Williamson, Mrs. Alma

Booth, Mrs. Margaret Turner, W. F. Nabors, all volunteer workers in the drive; and Thaddeus T. Stokes, editor of the Tri-State Defender.

Durham announced that the local Heart Association will award winning students and winning teachers in the an-

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First Wire Service For Negro News Opens In D.C.

The Associated Correspondents News Service recently became the first and only wire service devoted exclusively to coverage of Negro news on a daily basis. The office is located at 1502 Massachusetts Ave. S.E. in Washington, D.C. Editor of the wire service is Charles Sharpe.

ACNS has assembled a nucleus of skilled and experienced journalists in Washington and correspondents in major cities. Ben Gordin is managing editor of the news concern.

Freedom Fighter And Family Harrassed During Funeral

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — State agents reportedly have harassed Bob Zellner, young integration worker, to the point of creating a state of terror at the funeral of his grandmother.

Protests have been filed with Gov. George C. Wallace; Richmond Flowers, new attorney general of Alabama, and Al Lingo, new state safety director. U. S. officials have also been asked to act because Zellner was followed across state lines by the agents.

Officers of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Commit-

tee (SNCC), Atlanta, and the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), New Orleans, said the agents' actions "disgrace America." Zellner is a field worker for SNCC.

Charles McDew, SNCC chairman, told Wallace and Lingo in a telegram that their agents "harassed Zellner's family during the last hours of his grandmother's life and even during her funeral by following them, parking near the house during the wake, and following the funeral procession."

Methodist Bishop Edgar A.

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'Miss Mid South' Contest Brings A Flow Of Talent

Brings A flow of Talent 4 36 The official announcement of the girls who have qualified (in the Memphis Area) for the "Miss Mid-South" con-

test will be made in the next edition of this paper. Girls were flowing in from all directions, bringing votes, subscriptions and great anticipa-

tions into the contest. Ever since the South's largest and most glamorous contest began December, there have been girls from Missis-

siippi, Tennessee and Arkansas, all seeking the title of "Miss Mid-South." Even more came into the contest when Whittier A. Sengstacke general manager of the Tri-State Defender announced the grand prize (An all expense paid trip to Chicago to participate in one of the world's largest parade "The Bud Billiken Parade").

A number of business firms, churches, schools, religious, civic and social organizations have inquired about sponsoring a girl in the contest. Well now is the time, call the Tri-State Defender's Promotions Department for all information.

Shirley Purnell	1515
Carolyn Randie	1185
Earlie Mae Biles	1150
Joyce Carney	900
Patricia Terrell	890
Beverly Allen	535
Essie B. McSwine	485
Patricia Cummings	405
Eunice Logan	375
Patricia Ford	260
Norrison Trueman	250
Norma Jean Taylor	235
Carolyn Hollingworth	200
Sandra White	200
Mary Towns	200
Shirley Smith	200
Gloria Jean Woodard	200
Earnestine McGhee	200
Amelia Gibson	200
Marlon Greene	200
Alyce Faye Giles	200
Katherine Woods	200
Sadie Hollowell	200
Rose Dotson	200

Republican Gov. Warns Against Segregationists

Pennsylvania's newly elected Republican Governor, William W. Scranton, has gone on record with a strongly worded warning to his party not to become the haven of segregationists.

In a major speech Jan. 30 in New York City, Governor Scranton said:

"We (the Republican Party) must avoid at all costs falling into the trap of clasp-

ing to our bosom those who use the phrase 'states rights' only as a cloak to deny Negroes or any other groups their human and civil rights.

"I have no sympathy for those who refuse on the state level to guarantee those rights and then cry 'states rights' when the national government moves to correct the injustice. Those states have abdicated their responsibility and with it their corresponding rights.

New Dean At Ala. State

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Dr. Robert D. Reid, sr., presently serving as Dean of Students at Tuskegee Institute, has been named academic dean of Alabama State College. The appointment was announced by President Levi Watkins.

"The party of Abraham Lincoln should not become the party of segregationists. I do not welcome as a Republican a man whose only reason for joining us is his hope of leaving his Negro neighbors outside. The Democrat Party has historically been the haven of segregationists. I see no reason to let it off the hook now."



GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY

The official ground-breaking ceremony for the new home office of Union Protective Life Insurance company was held last Friday afternoon at 1234 Mississippi blvd., and here seen breaking earth for the progressive move is Lewis H. Twigg, Jr., left, president of the company, with the spade and T. H. Hayes, Jr., at right with pick. Also taking part in the

ceremony were Dr. Charles Dinkins, president of Owen college, who gave opening prayer and remarks, and Dr. Peter G. Crawford, pastor of Avery Chapel AME church, who gave the benediction. Present for the ceremony were members of local branches and the entire home office staff. (Mark Stansbury Photo).



Stork Stops

"In A Bluff City"

AT JOHN GASTON HOSPITAL
Jan. 28

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Moore, 308 Ashland; boy, Davis.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murphy, 1684 N. Trezevant; a girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Will Sykes, 276 Weaver; boy, Timothy Byron.
Mr. and Mrs. William G. Douglas, 106 Kirk; boy, Arnette.
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Maxwell, 1077 Leath; girl, Sheila Annette.
Mr. and Mrs. Willie J. Hughes, 1569 Marjorie; boy, Willie James Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Lucious B. Jones, 1259 Walker; boy, Lucious Blain Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Carr, 1608 Pillow; girl, Vicki Lynn.
Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus L. Cobb, 989 Neptune; boy, Billy Terrell.
Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses McConnell, 2060 Erie; girl, Joyce Marie.
JAN. 28

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Alexander, 852 LeMoyné Mall; girl, Vivian Estella.
Mr. and Mrs. James H. Backerville, 1154 N. Belvedere; boy, Fredrick Antonio.
Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Woods, 4294 Clark; girl, Katherine Elizabeth.
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hill, 567 Wells; boy, Jesse III.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ford, 1360 Dempster; boy, Ricky Gene.
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Johnson, 1749 Eldridge; girl, Angela Denise.
Mr. and Mrs. Savannah Oliver, 751 Alma; girl, Elizabeth Ann.
JAN. 29

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Layden, 2327 Vandale; girl, Angela Denise.
Mr. and Mrs. Welton Williams, 1545 Tayner; girl, Brenda Lue.

Mr. and Mrs. William Walker, 10 W. Olive; boy, Kenneth.
Mr. and Mrs. James W. Bell, 1606 Huguenot; boy, James Edward.
Mr. and Mrs. James H. Nunnelly, 1103 Somerville; boy, Alfonso.
Mr. and Mrs. Ross W. Stevens, 790 Marchalene; boy, Phillip Larson.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Wilkes, 438 Glankier; girl, Marcia.
Mr. and Mrs. George McClain, 1074-A Tully; boy, Gravis Dewayne.
JAN. 30

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Walton, 2710 Harrison; boy, Jesse Lee Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Odell Tally, 1229 Grand; girl, Felecia Anita.
Mr. and Mrs. Arvellar Smith, 929 N. Second; girl, Genetta Lee.
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cox, 525 Harahan; girl, Jeraldine.
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cooper, 980 Tunstall; girl, Linda Faye.
Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Hunter, 1943 Boots Lane; boy, Carlos Dewayne.
JAN. 31

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hayes, 577 Walnut; boy, James Lee.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson, 3072 Shannon; boy, Henry Fitzgerald.
Mr. and Mrs. Matt Newsom, 1360 Oak; boy, Eric Barnell.
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wardlow, 904 Latham; Apt. 87; boy, Andrew II.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson, 1417 Ragan; girl, Sherry Anita.
Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Roach, 1331 Breddiove; girl, Angela Denise.
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Halbert, 1113 Swan; girl, Linda Camille.
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Sumling, 225 Dixie rd.; a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thomas, 3073 Crystal; girl, Andrianetta.
Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Anderson, 1704 Marjorie; boy, Kevin Andre.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bowden, 679 Hamilton; boy, Gregory Jonell.
Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Hill, 442 Linden; a boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Mickens, 1570 Miller; boy, Henry Charles Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith, 1558 Ellington; girl, Sandra Lynette.
Mr. and Mrs. James Howard, 180 W. Mallory; girl, Brenda Kay.
Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Pace, 469 Alston; twins, girl, Erma; boy, Ervin.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Askew, 1706 Gaither; girl, Carol Marie.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Jackson, 1531 Minnie; a boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Bell, 336 Bond; boy, Alvin.
AT E. H. CRUMP HOSPITAL
JAN. 15
Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Doyle, 2566 LaJena; girl, Cynthia Robert.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones, 637 McKinley; girl, Shari Denise.
JAN. 18
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark, 19 S. Willette; girl, Vivian Ann.
JAN. 19
Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Blaine, 658 Robinson; girl, Sylvette Toni.
JAN. 20
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Scott, 828 Heiskell, Apt. 5; girl, Adonis Maria.
JAN. 22
Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Harris, 1019 N. Seventh; Apt. 5; girl, Barbara Ann.
JAN. 23
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Thompson, 1072 Peach; boy, Frederick Julius II.
JAN. 24
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cole, 856 Maywood; a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Minor, 1937 Hunter; girl, Annette.
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Edwards, 327 Quinn; boy, Charles Eugene.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones, 4744 Dobb rd.; boy, Alan Craig.
JAN. 16
Mr. and Mrs. Harland Shaw, 391-D S. Wellington; girl, Dietrick Michelle.
Rev. and Mrs. J. W. West, 288 W. Essex; boy, Christopher Eugene.

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Woman, 95, Still Active In Church At Earle, Ark.

Among the Mid-South citizens, who recall the nearly all of the one century of events which have taken place since the Emancipation Proclamation was signed by President Abraham Lincoln is Mrs. Florence Samuels the senior member of St. Peter's Baptist church at Earle, Ark.

Mrs. Samuels was born at Washington, Ark., on June 14, 1868, in the home of a

woman who had bought her mother from a slave stealer a few years before the end of that institution.

Not satisfied with educational opportunities offered Negroes in the area, Mrs. Samuels moved to Little Rock where a school was set up near the arsenal there. Mrs. Samuels later finished her schooling at Union High school in Little Rock.

VETERAN IN CHURCH

Mrs. Samuels was married to James Elm in 1889 and after his death 10 years later she became the wife of Charles Henry Samuels and the mother of five children.

An active churchworker, she is the oldest member of the Tyronza District Women's Association and has been its president for the past 46 years. When its first meeting was held 70 years ago, Mrs. Samuels served as its first secretary.

She also outranks all other members in St. Peter's Baptist church where she has been doing missionary work for the past 57 years. As late as 1960 she raised \$114 for the church's Friends Day program. Her pastor is Rev. A. Oliver of Memphis.

When 40 churches in the Tyronza area got together and opened a vocational school, Mrs. Samuels was employed as supervisor of the girls' dormitory, a position she held until the school closed.



MRS. FLORENCE SAMUELS

Drive

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DR. I. A. WATSON

Appointed To Traffic Board

A local dentist, Dr. I. A. Watson, Jr., was sworn in as a member of the local Traffic Advisory Committee, along with three other appointees, last week.

Dr. Watson is the second Negro to hold such a position on the committee. A. Maceo Walker, president of Universal Life Insurance Company, was the first Negro to ever be appointed. He resigned the position in 1961 to accept an appointment as a member of the Memphis Transit Authority in Aug. 1961.

Dr. Watson heads the membership committee of the Tennessee Federation of Democratic Leagues' Ninth Congressional District Chapter here in Memphis.

He has been practicing dentistry at 156 Beale st. for the last 11 years. He and his wife, who is a teacher at Hyde Park school, live at 1379 Melrose Cove.

ual Science Fair, \$25 each to the senior and junior students and \$25 to each winning teacher. The Science Fair is co-sponsored by Universal Life Insurance Company and the Tri State Defender.

Hobson announced that there will be regular report meetings during the drive. Among others attending the meeting were Mrs. Dee Watkins, program and fund raising director of the Heart Association; Omar Robinson, who supplied piano music during the dinner and Joshua Ward who sang a series of solos.

Among other persons who have volunteered for the drive are Nat D. Williams, R. J. Roody, Atty. Ben Jones, Dr. E. Frank White, and Henry White, and Ben G. Olive, Jr., who will head the special gifts and firms division.

Meredith's Return To Ole Miss Pleases NAACP Says Wilkins

NEW YORK — The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is "gratified" by James H. Meredith's decision to return to the University of Mississippi, Roy Wilkins, executive secretary, said here this week following Meredith's announcement in Jackson, Miss.

"This decision was Mr. Meredith's and his alone," Wilkins said. "It vindicates the faith and trust the colored people of Mississippi have placed in him. It demonstrates anew his courage and reaffirms his determination to get the best education his native state affords its young people."

Study

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and of these only 115 were occupied by Negroes. Thus, according to the study, Negro access was absent over more than 90 percent of the range of job types.

The study commended former Governor Buford Ellington for making the project possible and praised the cooperation given by the several department heads interviewed held by representatives of the NCCEO, pointing to the general effort as an "example of the worth and value of the democratic process" in the redress of grievances.

Two important gains in state policy, aimed toward setting a reliable base for establishing fair and equitable practices by the previous administration, were cited by the study. These were:

(1) the elimination of separate Negro and white eligibility lists for applicants to state jobs, and (2) the reorganization of state employment offices and procedures so as to eliminate racially separate facilities and discriminatory job selection. With respect to the latter, the study reported that it had no information as to the degree to which this policy had actually been put into practice in offices across the state.

The study, among the first of its scope done for a southern state in the area of Negro governmental employment, contained these additional highlights:

(1) Two agencies accounted for 65 per cent of all Negro workers in state government; these were the departments of Public Health and Mental Health. In six of the agencies, Negro employment was hardly more than nominal or token.

(2) Only 17 Negro employees had been able to find jobs as clerks, typists or secretaries out of the large number of these jobs in state administrative agencies.

(3) There were just 31 Negroes at the highest professional level of state employment, and they accounted for 2.6 per cent of the Negro state work force.

(4) About 21 trainee positions are available for up-grading and placement purposes in state government, and in only one instance was a Negro trainee reported.

The study was released through the Race Relations Department of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries at Fisk University.

Funeral

Love, Baltimore, president of SCEF, asked state officials to halt the harassment and discipline the agents. He also urged friends throughout the nation to protest to Alabama authorities and to the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

Zellner is a son of the Rev. James Zellner, Methodist minister who formerly pastored in Alabama but now has church in Florida. Young Zellner's maternal grandmother, Mrs. J. J. Hardy, was the widow of a Methodist minister in Alabama. She died in Mobile, Ala., where she spent the later part of her life.

Bob Zellner has been arrested in several states for his work for integration, especially among white college students. The latest harassment began Jan. 8 when he was arrested on a charge of vagrancy on the campus of his alma mater, Huntingdon College, Montgomery.

He was sentenced to 30 days in jail and appealed. Police then charged him with false pretense. The charge arose from a misunderstanding over a check Zellner gave a pawnbroker for a camera. The county grand jury is to hear this case Feb. 12.

Meantime, Zellner was freed under bond.

LeMoyné

lege Fund selects a Miss UNCF for this occasion. Girls winning the title have competed with other young ladies on their campuses in fund-raising efforts among students for UNCF. Miss Hollowell reported more than \$600.

Marguerite Belafonte will be mistress of ceremonies during the pageant.

Others going from Memphis are Lonnie F. Briscoe, national president of the General Alumni association of LeMoyné college, and Robert M. Ratcliffe, public relations director and alumni executive secretary at LeMoyné.

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A new Easter Contest for Tri-State Defender Newsboys...Win Cash Prizes, by selling more papers between January 19th and March 31st. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded April 6th, 1963.

1st Prize \$25.00....2nd Prize \$15.00....3rd Prize \$10.00....
4th Prize \$5.00....and for the five runner ups \$2.00 each.

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Winners will be selected from the nine boys selling the greatest number of papers above weekly quota at the end of March 1963.

A picture of the First and Second prize winners and their families will appear in the TRI-STATE DEFENDER following the presentation.

Pictures of the Third and Fourth Prize winners will also be published.

Names of the 5 Runner Ups will appear.

Earn extra money for EASTER.

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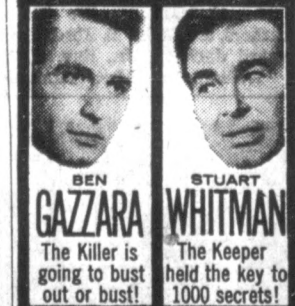
Mess Hall Burned Down?

COLCHESTER, England — (UPI) — The Army investigated why 119 of 120 soldiers took their lunch in local pubs the day after being paid rather than in the mess hall.

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Deputy Fined \$50 For His Attack On Negro

LEBANON, Tenn. — Beating a Negro in the face with a lantern cost a deputy sheriff in Lebanon \$50 here recently.

Wilson Denny, who is both deputy sheriff and constable, attacked Edward Lee Shorter who had been left in a car while his two companions went to gas at a nearby station.

According to the charge, three plain clothesmen in an unmarked car drove up beside the car where Shorter sat and parked. One man stood on one side of the car and two on the other and commanded him to come out on their side.

None of the three identified himself as a policeman, but Shorter recognized Denny.

The trio began "cursing and swearing" at him and accused him of having stolen the automobile and that he was drunk. When he tried to explain that the car belonged to his brother-in-law, the deputy struck him in the face with the lantern several times.

Denny reportedly threatened to arrest Shorter, but one of the men shoved him to the side of the road and drove off.

After Shorter's companions returned, he was carried to the doctor for treatment and he later swore out a warrant for Denny's arrest on a charge of assault and battery.

After CORE was informed of the incident an all-out campaign was launched in behalf of Shorter and Atty. Avon Williams of Nashville hired to represent him at the trial.

Negro citizens of the community raised money to pay for the legal fees.

During the trial, Atty. Williams pointed out that "If this brutality was allowed to occur, then there would be no telling where it would stop."



Explaining events on the 1963 souvenir Emancipation Proclamation calendar to Brenda J. Partee and Johnny Deberry is Mrs. Marguerite McChristian, sixth grade teacher at Carnes Elementary school. The

calendar was produced by Supreme Life Insurance Company of America in four colors, and a limited supply is available in the firm's local and home office in Chicago for policyholders, stockholders and the general public. (Withers' Photo)

Annual Manager's Conference Held At Union Protective

Union Protective Life Insurance Company held its annual two-day conference for all its managers and assistant managers. Addressing the opening session was the president, Lewis H. Twigg. He urged the men "to be honest with themselves so that the company would not fall short of expectations."

Also addressing the conference were: O. T. Turner, agency director; W. O. Speight Sr., vice president; as well as E. B. Payne, assistant agency director, who was chairman of this year's conference.

Among managers attending the conference were: R. L. Rankins, Rufus R. Jones, E. W. Riley, L. H. Young, Willie Wortham of Jackson, Tenn., W. D. Crenshaw of Nashville, Alexander Wynn of Knoxville, David Sales of St. Louis, Mo. Among others attending were Curtis Garrison, Charles Cooperwood, L. Anderson, E. M. Hall, Otis Lightfoot, J. E. Roach, L. Jones, G. H. Pirtle of Jackson, Tenn., T. Peusley and H. K. Williams of Nashville, Willie Willet of Knoxville and Leonard Martin.

Businessmen, Here Is Opportunity For Refresher

A managerial accounting course, primarily for persons engaged in or interested in some phase of business, is being offered this semester at LeMoine College.

It offers an opportunity for persons currently employed to strengthen or review themselves in the application of good business techniques.

The class will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30. Interested persons should contact the college this week.



JAMES H. VISOR

James H. Visor, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Visor of 1422 James st., has been assigned to Beale AFB, Calif., for training and duty as an air policeman following basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas. Airman Visor is a 1961 graduate of Hamilton High school.

Rust College To Give Teachers' Exam. On Feb. 16

The National Teachers Examination will be administered at Rust college, Holly Springs, Miss., on Saturday, Feb. 16, from 8 a. m. to 3 p. m., and is open to college graduates and in-service teachers only.

Persons who wish to take the examination must apply in person.

A National Examination for senior high school students will be administered at the school on Saturday, Feb. 23, from 8 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Students who take the examination will be assigned by the Mississippi State Department of Education.

153 Students Make Honor Roll At Washington High

For the third six-week period at Booker T. Washington High school, there were 153 students on the Honor Roll.

Dominating the list with 68 students on the list was 68 Nubia, Mary Robinson, Sally Roddy, Rubystine Turner, Pearl Parker, Mary White, Lavera Phillips, Carita Anderson, Carolyn Clark, Ollie Baker, Alma Pernell, Donna Gilmore and Audrey Gray.

And Bobbie Joyner, Joyce Livingston, Betty Lofton, Eva Smith, Mary Spearman, Henrietta Taylor, Fred Tribble, James McIntyre, Sylvia Johnson, Iona Walthall, Carmen Perkins, Charles Grant, Deanne Evans, Maxine Calloway, Shirley Hickman, Jacqueline Riley, Mildred Scott, Sonya Taylor and Mary D. Mosley.

Betty Duncan, Rubystine Lawson, Katrina Wortham, Altonia Foster, Peggy Robinson, Tommie Green, Rubystine Turner, Mae Frances Gordon, Betty Duncan, Ann Taylor, Ernestine McGhee, Mattie Kirkwood, Emery Somerset, Mary Robinson, Sally Roddy, Geraldine Stephens and Juanita Wiggins.

Also Yvonne Williams, Gloria Fleming, Mary Foote, Annie Terrell, Mary Spearman, Geraldine Robinson, Imogene Bolden, James Parham, Vivian Malone, Dianne Melville,

Organizes Unit Of TFDL In Ward 41st

A unit of the Tennessee Federation of Democratic Leagues, Inc., of the Ninth Congressional District was organized last Monday night in Ward 41, Precinct 1, during a meeting at the home of Miss Barbara A. Parker, 2417 Blue Rd.

Elected temporary chairman was John Crawford, 2172 Griggs Ave. Other temporary officers elected were: Miss Barbara A. Parker, vice chairman; Mrs. Maxine B. Arnold, 1509 Davis St., secretary; Mrs. Louise Joyner, 2438 Blue Rd., assistant secretary; and Robert Fields, 2209 Heard Ave., treasurer.

Organizing the club was Frank Kilpatrick and Lawrence S. Wade, both executive officers of the local chapter of the organization.



CHESTER B. CADE, JR.

Chester B. Cade, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester B. Cade, Sr., of 566-B S. Lauderdale st., has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force upon graduation from Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Tex. A graduate of LeMoine college and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, he will be reassigned to Keesler AFB, Miss., for a communications and electronics officer course.

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"Take off your shoes from your feet, the ground on which you stand is holy ground!"

How tragic it is today that so many people have lost vision of their real purpose on this earth. Go East, go West, go North, or go South and at every point you see dissipation. The real reason for man's existence has long been left in the background and he moves on unaware of the moral and spiritual demands placed on him by his Maker.

He speaks of obligations in loose tongues. He acts as if he has no ties beyond the ties of exploitation. Oftentimes his only maneuvers are ones that are designed to get the best of the next fellow.

Other men stand on the sidelines trying to account for the current behavior of men and are at a loss for an explanation. But one needs only to take one look at man's present attitudes and at once he sees why worldly conditions are as bad as they are. As Moses watched that burning bush and went a little closer in search of an explanation, modern man stands on the sidelines doing the same thing.

All about us bushes are burning but not being consumed. Our quest for an explanation draws us closer and closer to the event while in the meantime we lose sight that we are in the presence of God. We approach the unknown without first consulting God.

We try to discover the vast unknown—the unknown to us but the known to God wrapped in our hatred, malice, selfishness, and the like only to hear the voice of God speaking to us telling us to "take off our shoes." Life today is not a matter of discovering the vast unknowns of the world and outer space but in actuality to rediscover ourselves and our purpose for existence.

Modern man must unload himself of all the negative aspects of life and give to his life a moral and spiritual significance heretofore grossly neglected. He must hear the voice of God speaking to him admonishing him to learn to treat his brother right, admonishing him to learn the real moral and spiritual values of this life that give real meaning to all of his activities. As odd as this may seem to some of us it is not nor does it border upon the unreasonable. All that has been done in our interest demands that we show elements of appreciation.

Today as never before personalities and places must have meaning. We can not think in terms of all places and all people being the same. Those custodians of truth and moral values must be seen through eyes of inspiration and encouragement. Somewhere down the line of activity today we must attach real values to places and people. Somebody and somewhere must be sacred to us. These places must be a real stimulus to us enabling us to seek the best in our lives.

Not only did God admonish Moses to take off his shoes but He is equally as provocative in His speech today admonishing us to take off our shoes because the place to which we have ascended is a holy place. In the truest sense of the word today each of us in our small or large places in life occupy a place of importance in the sight of God. God wants us to take off our shoes that we might present life in its most beautiful and provocative picture.

God has no instruments of projection but us. In case we allow ourselves to get so far from Him that we lose contact and thereby lose our influence for the Godly we have no reason for our existence.

In this effort we must not falter. We must establish contact ourselves that we may be able to add meaning and value to the lives of others. This gives justification for our existence here. That basically is our only reason for being here.

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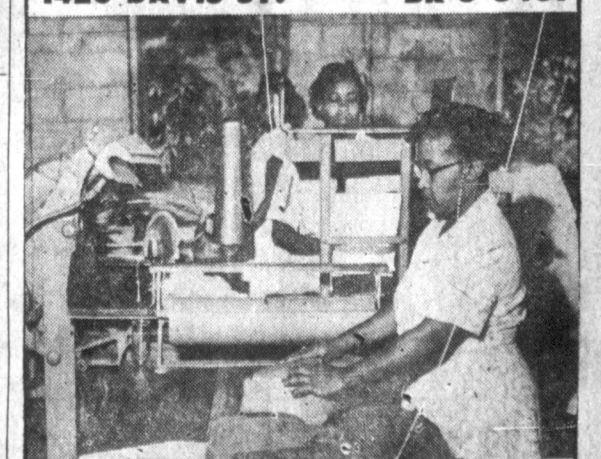
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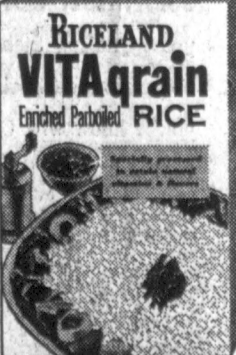


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The Pentecostal Temple Choir of Memphis, directed by Deborah Patterson (wife of Bishop Patterson, left foreground) was one of the groups appearing on "TV Gospel Time" programs filmed recently in Memphis. The sponsor of the Sunday morning series,

Pharmaco, Inc., manufacturers of Artra Cosmetics and other products, hopes to film other programs in different cities to obtain the best possible talent and to give more singers and groups the opportunity of appearing on this special network.

'TV Gospel Time' Travels From Manhattan To Memphis To Show Series Of Negro Recording Stars

The Singing Angels, The Pentecostal Choir

"TV Gospel Time," the new television series that presents both Negro theatre and recording stars and top nonprofessional singers over a special network, is now filming programs in widely scattered cities — recently producing five half-hour shows in Memphis.

The Sunday morning series — which is seen in this area at 9 a.m. over WMCT-TV Channel 5 — has been filmed "on location" thus far in Brooklyn and Memphis. Brooklyn programs originated from the large Washington Temple; while the Memphis-filmed shows were produced in the studios of television station WMCT.

A large party traveled to Memphis to arrange and produce the programs including representatives of the produc-

er, the distributor, and the sponsor, Pharmaco, Inc., manufacturers of Artra Cosmetics, Feen-a-mint, Sulfur-8 and other pharmaceutical and beauty products.

Also journeying to Memphis were many famous singers and vocal groups; among them were Marie Knight, the internationally known singer of gospel and popular songs; J. J. (Jessie) Farley, one of the original members of the Soul Stirrers; the Highway QCs; the Soul Stirrers; and the Caravans.

Of course, the main purpose of filming some of the TV Gospel Time shows in Memphis was to permit Tennessee groups to participate in the series. The sponsor of the program wants to give television audiences the best and widest possible variety of Negro talent — also to give singers from different parts of the country

the opportunity to appear on a network TV show.

Local groups appearing on the Memphis-filmed shows included the Pentecostal Temple choir, which is directed by Deborah Patterson (wife of Bishop Patterson); the Golden Leaf Baptist Church choir, the Shady Grove Choir, and the New Salem Baptist Church choir.

All of the programs produced in Memphis will soon be seen over the "TV Gospel Time" network, which is comprised of television stations in 24 cities located in the East, South, Southwest and Midwest.

Hopeful of producing future programs in different sections, the sponsor has informed the press that public reaction to "TV Gospel Time" has been most favorable.

Alan Cowley, advertising manager of Artra Cosmetics, said, "We have been delighted with comments about the program. Many people have said that they watch the program because they like the entertainment. Others like the inspirational nature of the songs. And, most seem to be looking for both reasons."

"Of course, we have especially appreciated some of the compliments from ministers. Several ministers have thanked us for scheduling the show on Sunday mornings — they thought it was a good way to prepare people for church. And at least a few ministers have said that they now delay the start of Sunday school classes so that members of their congregations can see 'TV Gospel Time' before leaving their homes."

Appearing on "TV Gospel



The Singing Angels were featured on the "TV Gospel Time" show Sunday morning, Feb. 3. Also appearing were the Washington Temple Angelic Choir and Madame Ernestine Washington. The nation's first filmed television series to present all-Negro talent exclusively — including singers, musicians, models and announcers — offers a variety of Spirituals, Hymns and Gospel Songs every week.

James Cleveland And Choir To Sing On 'TV Gospel Time'

James Cleveland, the Tears of Music, James Lowe and St. Paul's Disciple choir will be featured singers on the "TV Gospel Time" program Sunday, February 10, on Station WMCT, Channel 5, at 9 a.m.

Among the highlights of the half-hour of gospel music will be "He's So Good," sung by James Cleveland and the Tears of Music and James Lowe's solo offering, "My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me." The Tears of Music also will sing "In The Word Of God" and "Going to Need the Lord." St. Paul's Disciple choir will open the program with the stirring selection, "When the Saints Go Marching In," with Daniel White as soloist and

Time" programs within the next few weeks will be such artists as James Cleveland, the well known recording star who is also a minister of music; the Tears of Music; the Lorraine Ellison Singers and the Gospel Starlets. And these upcoming shows will feature such groups as the Refuge Temple choir and the St. Paul's Disciple choir.

Talladega's Dean To Speak Here

Annual Religious Emphasis Week at LeMoyné is scheduled for Feb. 13-15, it was announced this week by the Rev. John C. Mickie, director of student personnel at the college.

Theme of the week is "The Church and Christian Social Action." Guest speaker will be Dr. Everett W. McNair of Talladega college, Talladega, Ala.

Dr. McNair, who is dean of chapel and professor of religion at Talladega, will be accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Irene MacNair, who will give an illustrated lecture on "Land of the White Elephant."

Dr. MacNair will speak at three chapel services starting at 10:30 a.m. each day. A tea in the faculty lounge is planned for Dr. and Mrs. MacNair on Feb. 13.

The guest speaker, a Congregational minister, has pastored in the East and Midwest. He is a graduate of Williams college, the Chicago Theological seminary and holds the Ph.D. degree from Columbia university.

In 1960, he and Mrs. MacNair spent nine weeks touring the world with the World Study Tour of the Council for Christian Action, visiting Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, India, the Middle East, five European countries, with an extra week at Istanbul.

Wilberforce Dean To Speak At St. Andrew

The AME churches of the Memphis area will hear Dean Charles S. Spiney Jr., of Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce university, Wilberforce, Ohio, Sunday, Feb. 10, 8 p.m., at Saint Andrew AME church, Mississippi and South Parkway East.

The occasion will be the celebration of the birthday of the founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Richard Allen, who led the movement to organize the AME Church in a protest to the manner in which Negroes were treated in old Saint George Methodist Church in 1787 at Philadelphia.

Founders Day is universally celebrated in all African Methodist churches on the second Sunday in February.

Dr. Spiney, an able speaker, holds degrees from Wilberforce university, Payne Theological Seminary, Yale Divinity School and Oberlin Seminary. He has pastored in Pittsburgh and Columbia, S. C.

The public is invited. Rev. E. Paul Beavers, who pastors Providence AME, is the president of the AME Alliance, will preside.

Eastern Star To Hold Affair

The annual Queen Valentine program, sponsored by the South Port Pickering Chapter 43 of the Order of Eastern Star Lodge, has been set for Thursday, Feb. 14, at 8 p.m. It is to be held at the Sarah Brown Branch YWCA, 1044 Mississippi Blvd.

The program will feature a "Native Costume Cosmorama," which will include music, modeling and mimicry, said Mrs. Bessie W. Davis, worshipful matron, and Mrs. L. R. Kennedy, directress. Tickets can be purchased at 1527 Florida st., and 3167 Hilda rd., in the Walker Homes subdivision.

Walker Mission Opens Sunday At 434 Lucy St.

The Walker Mission AME church is scheduled to open for religious service at 434 Lucy ave., Sunday, Feb. 10, at 3 p.m., announces Rev. M. B. Reed, the pastor.

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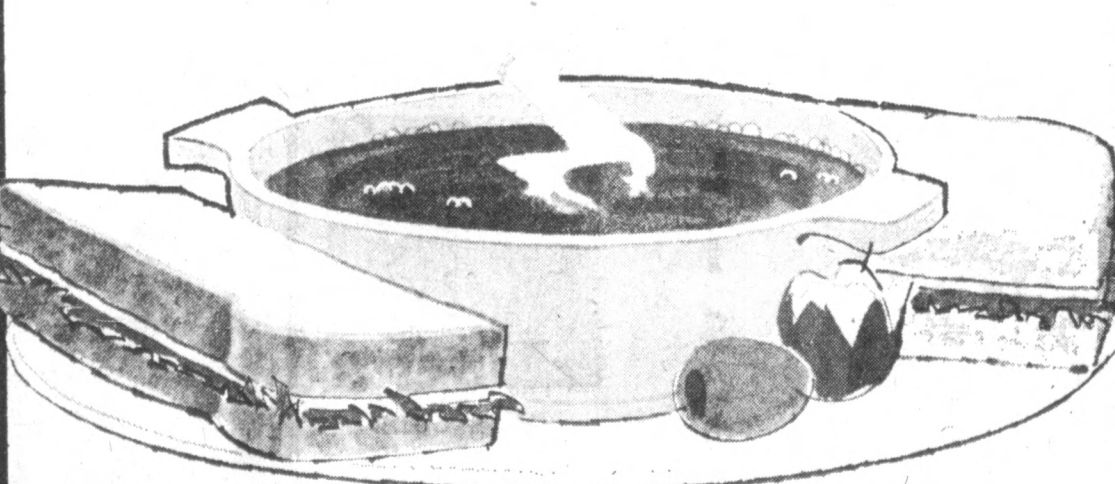
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Looking back on time and its flight for the last 100 years, because this year is the Centennial of the Emancipation Proclamation, signed by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863, we are inspired to take a cursory view of the history of Memphis.

We shall recount some of the names which made the news in our bustling river town . . . and point out other events which took place in the eventful year of 1863.

The Emancipation declared "free forever the slaves in Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana (certain parishes already occupied excepted); Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia (West Virginia and other portions excepted)."

About 3,120,000 slaves were thus declared free. Congress abolished slavery in the District of Columbia on April 16 of the same year.

1863 is also the centennial of tragic and eventful Civil War Battles . . . Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Vicksburg and Chickamauga . . . and Lincoln's famed address at the dedication of the cemetery at Gettysburg, Pa. on Nov. 19, 1863.

In that eventful year, also, Congress voted the first conscription act, March 3, drafting all men between 20 and 45, unless exempted by paying \$300 for a substitute. So sweeping a decision by the Congress resulted in riots against the draft in New York and Boston July 13-16, resulting in about 1,000 killed.

Thus, 100 years have indeed brought significant changes in the hearts and minds of men . . . and attest that sweeping decisions of law may bring about loud dissenting voices because of a change in the status quo, or an avowed "way of life." But time, the great healer, softens such wounds of heart and mind; and today the draft, income taxes, women's suffrage, labor rights, et al. are now considered the undeniable and unescapable role of life.

Though the great Emancipation document freed the slaves, the tragic war ended, but the "peace" is still to be won in reality by Negro Americans. We are heartened by the great strides toward complete freedom and first class citizenship which have resulted in our own times, especially in the rising "New South," and the forward thinking white Southerners who instead of looking backward on festered sores, long healed, today look only to the forward march of "The South," a new frontier in industry and economic advancement of Southerners per se, black and white . . . They know full well that the economic backwardness of the Negro is a shackle tied to the literal legs of white Southerners who desire to take their rightful places in the forward movement of America, the leader of the world, and the beacon light of democracy in a world menaced by onward thrusts of communism.

GEORGE LEE'S "BEALE STREET"

Looking for a source of Negro history in Memphis, it is our sincere belief that our own revered Lt. George W. Lee's best-selling book, "Beale Street," should be re-read by every Memphian, to recapture the flavor of Memphis and its romance with Beale Street. It is a gold-mine of facts about the progress of the Negro in Memphis . . . and a proud roll-call of illustrious names which brightens the pages of the history of our fair city.

To him, the city of Memphis owes a deep debt of gratitude . . . and while he has been a guiding light in business and politics, we regret that he has not kept more books coming our way from his prolific mind and astute knowledge of the Negro in our times. It is our further hope that Lt. Lee will again give us another great novel, to make a trilogy by joining "Beale Street," and his later book, "River George." What about this, Lt. Lee???

Quoting from his "Beale Street" (published in 1934) . . . Beale Street is where the blues began . . . owned largely by Jews, policed by the whites, and enjoyed by the Negroes . . . the Main Street of Negro America.

He stated . . . "by 1850 there were 318 free Negroes in the

Beale Street neighborhood. They were allowed to vote in all the elections, and were handicapped by few of the restrictions that confront the free Negroes in other slave sections."

"Joe Clouston was the most prominent of these free Negroes and one of the first to hold property on Beale Street . . . the land on which the First National Bank of Memphis, on Madison Street, now stands was also owned by him. When he died in 1894 he had amassed a fortune estimated at \$100,000."

"The end of the Civil War brought to the Negro a wider life and a rough type of freedom . . . It is probable that the early activities of R. R. Church on Beale Street had much to do with making it the center of commercial life for the Negroes of Memphis. Robert R. Church, Sr., the acknowledged and accepted Boss of Beale Street, who held the old thoroughfare completely in his grip and directed its course for many years, is Old Man River's contribution to the Avenue . . . Church gave generously of his fortune to every worthy cause, setting the example for all other citizens of Memphis in the matter of liberality. His benefactions to the inhabitants of Beale Street were many."

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Contestants must register with the Tri-State Defender not later than January 19th, 1963. The starting date for Contestants to register is at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Tri-State Defender office, 236 S. Wellington Ave.

1. Each contestant must pass the official entry qualifications.
2. Must obtain entry qualification quota of 200 official votes by February 2, 1963 to continue in contest.

3. Official starting date is December 15, 1963 at 10:00 A.M.
4. Ballots will be counted each Saturday at 5:00 P.M., during the entire time of contest. Ballots can be brought or mailed to the Tri-State Defender's office, at the above address. Each week votes will be counted, and ran in the next issue of the Tri-State Defender.
5. Each contestant must submit a recent photograph of herself preferably (black & white, glossy, 5 x 7), bust.
6. Official ballots (votes) will appear in the Tri-State Defender only.
7. For each new subscription of the Tri-State Defender sold by a contestant, bonus votes will be awarded: 6 months subscription (\$3.00) 50 votes will be awarded and for a 3 months subscription (\$1.75) 25 votes will be awarded.
8. Each contestant is eligible to be sponsored by a business firm, religious, social or civic organization.
9. Contest ends April 13, 1963 at 5:00 P.M.
10. Winner will be announced April 20, 1963, in the Tri-State Defender.
11. Coronation Ball will be held May 4, 1963.
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Of his children, Mrs. Mary Church Terrell was the first of her race and sex to be made a trustee of the public schools of Washington. Her brother, Thomas A. Church, was once police clerk in New York City and also served in the offices of Robert G. Ingersoll, the famous agnostic.

Miss Annett E. Church, another daughter, like her sister a graduate of Oberlin College, has stood silently in the shadows . . . and lent a helping hand in the public life of her brother Robert. Robert Church Jr.'s great life as a guiding force in the destiny of Memphis is also recounted vividly in the book. Thus the Church family, more so than any other, is entwined to this day in the civic, political and social life of Memphis. Miss Annett Church, and Robert Church Jr.'s well known daughter, Miss Roberta Church of Washington, are still constituents of this city, and are in Memphis several times each year.

In education, Mr. Lee recounts the role of Miss A. S. Wright, who for eight years had been principal of the Winchester Colored School, who was married to R. R. Church Sr. in 1885.

LeMoine, founded by the American Missionary Association counts among its first graduates Mrs. R. R. Church Sr. and Tom Turner. Frank J. Sweeney a former president, was the guiding force in the community until his retirement.

Howe was founded by Reverend William J. McMichael, T. J. Searcy, H. C. Owens and R. N. Countee. Under the leadership of the late Dr. T. O. Fuller, who became its president in 1902, the institution became an accredited college.

Even before LeMoine, a public school was established and maintained by private funds, with George Caldwell as principal, organized on Church Street in 1869. In this connection, the names of Granville Marcus, B. K. Sampson, Theodore Lott, James Lott, George W. Henderson

and Ida B. Wells, loom as pioneers of education in the Beale Street Community. Dr. Mordecai Wyatt Johnson is perhaps the most outstanding of the early educators who grew up on Beale Street. From cafe waiter at the old Iroquois on Beale near Hernando to the first Negro president of Howard University is the story of his meteoric rise from poverty to power. Later, Cora P. Taylor, Blair T. Hunt, Ashton Hayes were education "greats" in Memphis.

Here's part of the roll-call of famed Memphians . . . Tom Lee, hero of the Mississippi boat tragedy of 1925, in whose honor a stately monument now stands in Lee Park at the foot of Beale on Riverside Drive . . . Elmer Atkinson, run out of town by Boss Crump in 1940 . . . "The musical heritage of the southern Negro includes the great W. C. Handy . . . just after the Civil War—organized by Sam Thomas, the Bluff fessor James L. Harris . . . the next band in 1880 by Robert Baker . . . John R. Love, City Band organized by Promus teacher and band leader and organizer of the famed Letter Carrier's band. Prof. G. P. Hamilton, William Bailey who played with Noble Sissle's orchestra . . . Johnny Dunn, George Duff, Charlie Bynum, Jim Turner, Charlie Pierce, Douglas Burk, Arthur Dorsey, Frank McDonald . . . Will Stewart, Robert Henry, Alec Green, Charles Holmes, J. Lubrie Hill, George Duff, Charlie Williamson, and Powders Thornton. Thornton "to this day has the sweetest violin on the Avenue" (now a successful insurance man).

One section of Church's huge building housed Mrs. Julia A. Hook's school of music, the first school in the South at which both white and colored pupils were in attendance. Mrs. Hooks was a graduate of, and later a music teacher in Berea College, a white school at Madison, Kentucky. She came to Memphis in 1876, taught music in the public schools for a number of years, and later organized her music schools. She came from a long line of musicians back in Kentucky, where her mother was known as "the black Jenny Lind." Mrs. Hook's school produced a number of pupils who were among the

best-known concert artists of their day. Among her Negro pupils who gained international fame were Sidney Woodard, Nell Hunter . . . and her white pupils appeared on the stage in Paris, France . . . She became in later years known as "the Angel of Beale Street," and was the mother and grandmother of Hooks clan, whose presence is still felt today in Memphis civic, religious, social and business circles (especially in photography), carrying on traditions begun with Mrs. Hooks and her husband.

Mrs. Florence Cole Talbot McCleave was an artist of international fame . . . who made her debut in Italy in 1926 in the title role of "Aida," whose proteges include Katrina Yarbrough, and today's operatic stars, Vera Little and Alpha Brawner.

L. J. Searcy maintained a music school at 390 Beale Street . . . and developed the Peabody Quartet that used to sing daily over WREC. He later became executive director of the Memphis Urban League.

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Early medical men who made their mark on the times and later arrivals were Dr. L. A. West, Dr. M. V. Lynk, Dr. C. M. Rouillac, Dr. Ernest Irving, Dr. L. G. Patterson, O. B. Braithwaite, Dr. F. R. Rivers, Sr., Dr. W. O. Speight, Sr., Dr. S. B. Hickman and Dr. R. Q. Venson. The four Martin Brothers, Dr. J. B. Martin, Dr. B. B. Martin, Dr. W. S. Martin and Dr. A. T. Martin, Dr. B. F. McCleave, Dr. R. L. Flagg, Dr. I. A. Watson, Sr., Dr. S. S. Byas Sr., Dr. Cooper Taylor, Dr. Thos. Watkins, Dr. N. M. Watson, Dr. W. F. Bisson and others.

SOCIETY

In this chronicle of the past . . . Lt. Lee stated . . . "The women's clubs offer a few bright spots in a gloomy social background. Their activities through the years have resulted in some noteworthy accomplishments in social service."

On February 7, 1891, the first club, the Coterie Migratory, was organized with Mrs. Florence P. Cooper as president. Among its members were such prominent women as Mrs. Daisy Harvey, and Mrs. Virginia Broughton, the first graduate of Fisk University and the first colored woman to finish a college course in the South. This club brought to Memphis several women of note for lectures. Later, another, the Orphan's and Old Folk's Home Club, was organized with Mrs. factory.

Two years later the Ruth Circle was organized by Mrs. Wright Moore. In 1905 the City Federation of Women's Clubs was organized with Nannie E. Whitman as president. The Federation is made up of twenty clubs: Phyllis Wheatley, Hla-watha, Dawning Light, Child's Welfare, Young Mothers, True-Hearted Gleaners and Ladies' Art Industrial Club. Under the leadership of Mrs. Annie L. Brown, ably assisted by Judge Camille Kelly the City Federation played a commanding part in obtaining through the state legislature an appropriation for the construction of a vocational school for delinquent girls of the state. The Federation also maintains a scholarship fund to help deserving boys and girls through college. Independent of the Federation, there are several other cultural and social clubs, prominent among which are the Elite Club, of which Mrs. L. E. Brown was president, The Chauffer's Club, the Dunbar Club and the Rosary Art Club.

DIJON, France — (UPI) — Watchmaker laurent MacAbrey, 33, was arrested on charges of stealing \$36,000 in jewels from a Swiss watch factory.

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Congo Crisis May Shift

With Katanga's breakaway practically ended, the wind of crisis may change course and veer toward Leopoldville, the Congolese capital.

Despite the elation produced by the conditional surrender of the self-styled Provincial President Tshombe, there is wide spread concern in UN circles lest the political equilibrium haltingly maintained at Leopoldville in recent months be shaken.

The uncompromising position against Katanga's secession had been motivated by reasons going well beyond the immediate concern for the economic consequences to the Congo as a whole.

It was meant primarily to discourage the breakaway of other provinces which could have led to the West's supporting some and the Soviet Union's supporting others—and the Congo's becoming perhaps another Korea.

The UN, apparently, has not forgotten the near-breakaway of the Eastern Province under Antoine Gizenga and the support it received from the Communist and certain African countries.

Opposition to Katanga's secession, therefore, was directed partly by the UN at preventing a cold-war collision on the spot in the Congo. This result may now have been achieved, and in this lies the full significance of the UN's victory.

At the same time, however, those Congolese forces which were counting on a chain of secessions leading to the establishment of radical governments in the breakaway provinces, might consider trying to achieve their purpose by weakening

or overthrowing the present moderate government of Premier Cyrille Adoula.

Not long ago, those same forces nearly succeeded in overthrowing the government through a motion of censure in the Congolese Parliament. UN Secretary General U Thant is reported watching developments most attentively.

His purpose is to help lead to a situation of sufficient stability to enable the UN to conclude the operation and withdraw. He is expected to do all he can, while keeping hands off the internal affairs, to discourage adventures by either the Right or the Left.

If some countries had hoped that the Secretary General would go along with radical solutions, thinking perhaps that they could appeal to his sentiments as an Asian, they must have been disabused by the sharp tone of his Jan. 12 letter to President Nkrumah of Ghana.

Dr. Nkrumah had charged the UN Secretariat with "vacillation and lack of resolution" in the handling of the Congo problem. U Thant replied that the "allegation" was "without foundation."

The big question before the UN now is: What will the extremists of both the Right and the Left do now? Will they again, as they did in the past, join forces to make trouble for the central government?

Katanga is not the whole of the Congo. It is the entire "Congo question" that the UN hopes to take off the agenda and add to the record as one of the organization's outstanding successes.

NOTWITHSTANDING

Thaddeus T. Stokes

Dramatic Roles Of James Meredith

Now that James H. Meredith has enrolled for the second semester at the University of Mississippi, millions of people are breathing easier. Until Mr. Meredith announced last week during a news conference, that he would return to Ole Miss, reports had lead one to believe that he would give up the struggle of remaining in the state of hell created by some of the other students on the campus. In retrospect, it is undeniably clear that those who lead readers to believe that Mr. Meredith would not return to the campus were given to wishful thinking.

The dramatic role in which Mr. Meredith is cast is not an easy one to play.

He must play to a hypersensitive audience on many stages. He is forced to play the role of a "Negro" student in a, heretofore, all-white college whose racial policy has been contrary to the ideology of the democratic principals taught within its undemocratic halls.

Here, Mr. Meredith is continually reminded that he has invaded a "for whites only" world. And he is not welcomed or wanted on the campus.

A TRAITOR
Mr. Meredith must play the role of being a militant Negro hero who symbolizes the hope of millions of American Negroes who are praying fervently by day and by night that he remains within the cruel bastion of intense hate — generated because nature so ordained that he be born a Negro — characterized as something sub-human by some of his white fellow classmates.

He must continue to play the role of the Negro hero despite his personal wishes—because he doesn't want to become a traitor to the cause—the cause of freedom for all citizens within the United States without regards to former conditions of servitude or any of the other superficial barriers established in a fiendish attempt to dehumanize members of minority groups.

Mr. Meredith must play the po-

litical role that the Justice Department and the President of the United States has thrust upon his shoulders. Mr. Meredith must endure the pains of this role because he cannot act or speak ungrateful to Mr. President or his brother, Mr. Attorney General who spoke out and acted on his behalf as a citizen—with the right to be accorded the opportunity to enroll and remain at the university under the same conditions and qualifications as a white student. He cannot cause Mr. President nor Mr. Attorney General to lose face.

POLITICAL LIE

The slight, 29-year-old former U. S. Air Force man must read and act well the part of this drama. He cannot falter on this part because it would show weakness in the strategy of the foremost advocate of "Freedom For All In A Free America." He would bear the blame of letting the race down in Mississippi after cracking the wall of racial segregation in one of the most backward states in the Union, peopled by one of the most vicious group of racists who attempt to infest every concept of democratic practice.

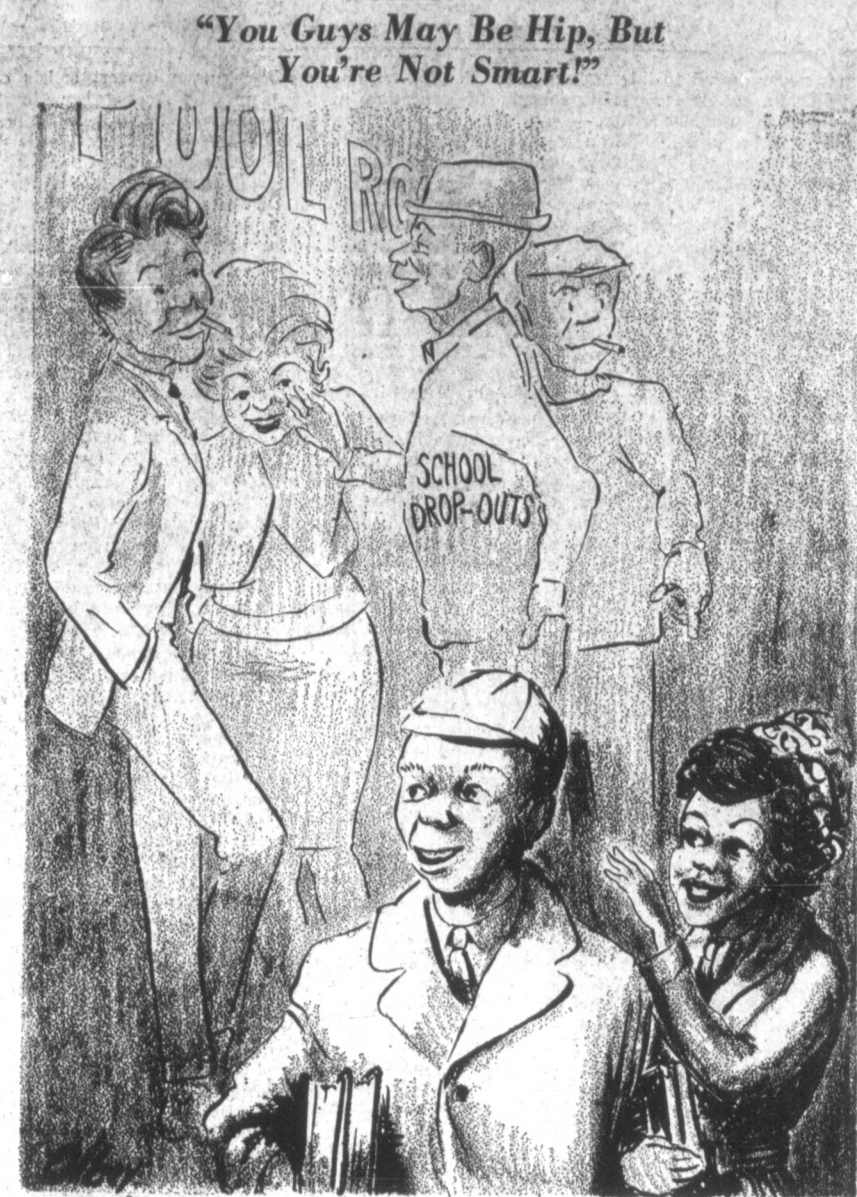
Mr. Meredith must also play the hero's role for the reporters of newspapers, radio and television who watch him day and night.

IN THE MEANTIME

Mr. Meredith must never appear faint to his greatest adversary—Gov. Ross Barnett who is forced to live a political lie each day Mr. Meredith remains on campus. Gov. Barnett solemnly promised white voters in Mississippi during his campaign for the governorship that not any of the schools in Mississippi would be desegregated as long as he was governor of the state. The only recourse Mr. Meredith gave Gov. Barnett was resignation.

So Mr. Meredith will go on playing roles that fate dictates until the limelight dims and the curtain falls.

In the meantime I hope the best will come this away — notwithstanding.



JACKIE ROBINSON

Hospital Stay Teaches Lesson In Humanity

MT. VERNON HOSPITAL, N. Y. — For some years now, I have been aware of the fact that some day I would have to undergo surgery for an old knee injury — a torn cartilage — which, from time to time, has given me a great deal of pain.

I have kept postponing this operation but recently, I decided to go through with it.

When I told friends I was entering the hospital for an operation, they appeared quite alarmed. I dismissed the matter lightly. I know that normally I heal easily and rapidly. Also, I had been assured that, while the operation was a vital one, it would hardly be critical unless complications developed.

Modern surgical methods are miraculous. I went to the operating table and for the next couple hours scarcely knew anything that was happening.

It Was Grave

IT WASN'T until I returned to my room that I learned the seriousness of my troubles and how grave an operation I had been through.

Fortunately, I had two doctors, Dr. Robert Rosen and Dr. Arthur Sadler, who are tops in their field. These two men are not only extremely well qualified, but very dedicated men.

It is hard to describe what a wonderful staff this hospital maintains. It makes you realize, watching these people in action, that to be a nurse, aide or any other hospital employee, you have to have a deep concern for people.

I was particularly impressed with nurse Doris Coleman. She loves her work and confided to me that people often wonder why she is always so happy. It is her work which keeps her contented.

I get the feeling that people like Miss Coleman lose their own personal problems in their concern for others. In spite of the suffering they witness, their role in helping people is really rewarding.

I don't know how the other patients feel, but I for one, will be forever grateful to all the fine people who are making my stay as pleasant as possible.

IT WILL MEAN little to my readers when I say what it meant to have Mrs.

ALFRED DUCKETT

Is It Bias Or Not?

ON A NETWORK television show, one of the youthful contestants brought forward to seek to confound the panel was a good-looking teen-ager, Roy Campanella, Jr.

It was a holiday show and as it ended with a glory of Christmas music, the panelists and moderator joined in dismantling a large tree of presents to give to the dozen of more youngsters who had taken part.

As the festive scene of joy on the faces of the givers and on the faces of the youngsters came to an end, credits and all that goes with the wrap-up of a show began flickering on the screen.

Rather suddenly and with a sense of anxiety, I became aware that in seconds it would all be over and every youngster there had happily received and acknowledged a gift except Roy Campanella, Jr. — the only colored boy in that group.

IT WAS sheer accident, of course, that

Laura Miller, my private duty nurse, care for me with the tender care of a mother or to have aides Dorice Thompson and Mary Akens constantly visit to see if all was going well. A number of doctors also made it a habit to stop in.

Mount Vernon Hospital is a fine institution, really fulfilling the purpose for which it was created. I know there are many other great hospitals, but I have to pay tribute to one which has meant so much to me.

My experience here has impressed me tremendously with the realization of how wonderful God has been to me. If I ever start feeling blue, I am going to remember the sixth floor of this hospital where I saw so many young people suffering without complaining. I'll try to remember the face of the mother as she held her daughter's hand as the girl suffered in her bed.

I'll remember the young lad who was coming out of his operation for a badly hurt knee and the six or eight young people who encircled me as we talked about our problems. But, most of all, I'll remember a five-year-old who was so badly burned that I found it difficult to sit and talk with her. Not a complaint came from this child's lips.

Hard To Describe

IT'S HARD to describe one's feelings when someone in this condition looks down at a leg that is taped from hip to foot and ask "What happened?"

I do know that as I was wheeled off the floor and spoke with Doug Brown who had requested that I stop into visit him, I pledged to be grateful to God for all of his blessings.

I have suffered but witnessing the sufferings of an uncomplained, pain-stricken five-year-old makes you feel the power of God's blessings. How can other people become so depressed with small problems in the face of the courage of a baby?

It has lifted my spirits to receive so many cards and beautiful flowers. I would like to send personal messages to each person who thought of me. Since that is impossible, I take this means of saying: "Thank you for your kind thoughts and inspiring messages."

the hands busily distributing holiday largesse had simply not yet reached the package bearing Roy's name. And, being a bright boy, I am certain that Roy attached no social significance to the delay.

But for a kaleidoscopic forty seconds, I watched the expressions on this youngster's face. There was doubt, fear and a whole world of wonder if he would face the public indignity and the private shame of being — not discriminated against — but merely forgotten.

Here is a boy who has a famous father and though this boy and his family have had publicized troubles — here is a boy who presumably has received many gifts and I suppose a great deal of love. Might we assume that he ought to be a little better insulated than so many others against the fear of the consequences millions of American face because they look "different?" Obviously, he wasn't.

DARK Shadows

by NAT D. WILLIAMS

ON THIS ROCK

It's becoming increasingly clear to more Negroes, North, East, South, and West, that if they are to build solid bases of first-class citizenship, they will have to dig in on more than one front.

The fact is mentioned here because there has been too much one-sided thinking in the ranks... and among the leadership. Too many Negroes have seemed to nurse the idea that integration... or desegregation (the latter word is more nearly correct)... will solve all their problems. Too many don't seem to realize that the closer they approach to so-called first-class citizenship the greater will be the responsibilities... and larger the problems to be solved.

That's why it's heartening to note the action of an alert and farseeing group of Memphis Negro citizens who have quietly gone about the organization of a well-outlined and well-based Democratic club in the city and county.

GRASS-ROOTS

They are organizing from the grass-roots up. They have set in motion machinery for precinct, ward, and district groups and leaders. They have affiliated themselves with a state-wide Democratic organization. They have already gained the favorable and interested attention of high-ranking white Democratic party leaders in Tennessee. And at a time when there is no immediate election activity in the city and state, they are as busy as bees getting their organization set up.

The organization is known as the Ninth Congressional District Democratic League... an affiliate of the Tennessee Federation of Democratic Leagues. The men behind the launching of the Memphis group include A. Maceo Walker, insurance executive; H. A. Gilliam, insurance executive; Frank Kilpatrick, widely-known political and civic leader; Thaddeus T. Stokes, editor of the Tri-State Defender, and Atty. H. T. Lockard, who is president of the local organization.

For the past several weeks these men have been earnestly talking to larger and larger groups of men and women from the city and county. They have been doing a "selling" job. And it must be admitted that a surprising amount of political "know how" has been displayed.

IN TERMS OF VOTES

Among other things they have stressed and explained clearly the meaning and significance of the two-party system in a community. They have indicated an understanding of political organization and political philosophy by the stress they are placing on avoiding emotional approaches to political issues.

They face squarely up to the fact that political effectiveness is measured in terms of votes. And votes are not obtained merely for the asking. There must be some hard spade work... like getting people interested enough to qualify to vote... like getting them organized... like providing them with informed and active leadership... like conducting educational work between elections to get people politically conscious enough to make intelligent decisions at the right time.

These Memphians are in line with a trend all over the country. When asked why would a group of Memphis Negroes organize a Democratic club to support Democratic party candidates, one spokesman voiced a view that is being increasingly heard among Negroes. He said the current Republican party is more the party of reaction and non-liberal attitudes than the current Democratic Party.

He said the Republican party of today is not the party of Abraham Lincoln and liberation... providing the Negro with hope for the future. He cited instances to establish that the Negro has progressed more under Democratic Presidential administrations... in the past 50 years... than it has under Republican administrations.

POLITICAL FUTURES

He observed that the Democratic party has helped more Negroes enmesh than the Republicans... noting that the Republican party has traditionally glorified individual Negroes, while doing little to spark the welfare of the Negro as a whole.

Another point of stress among the leaders of the Ninth Congressional District Democratic League is closer attention to local and state politics. They take the view that Memphis and Tennessee are traditionally Democratic strongholds. And it is their belief that they will remain so, despite much-publicized Republican gains in the most recent elections.

They are staking their hopes on the caliber of men who are local and state leaders of the Democratic party. It is their conviction that local and state Republicans will not now "field" men for office who can be counted on to act favorably toward measures to advance the Negro's quest for first-class citizenship.

With these basic "whys" for their activity and interest in the formation of a strong and active group of Negro citizens, flying the banner of the Democratic party, the Ninth Congressional District Democratic League has selected its "rock" upon which to build political futures. Selah!

Left Side

DOWN FRONT!

THE NEWLY FORMED "Young Democratic Club" is accepting members within the 18 to 40, age range. This is quite unusual to consider a politician or a member of a political organization "young" (in the case) after he has passed his 35th birthday anniversary. It would appear that the "past 35 mark" is too old to be called "young." On the other hand, it is young enough to keep some "undesirables" out of the club. What's the trick?

GREYHOUND BUS TERMINAL has finally decided that it is poor business to continue to operate a "For Colored" waiting-room as well as eating-counter in face of the fact that it was supposed to have been desegregated a long time ago. So! recently the "For Colored" waiting room was closed out.

LOUIS HOLMES, a former teacher in the County Schools, recently underwent a serious

operation on his head. He was reported to be in Louisiana recuperating.

LOUIS HOBSON, principal of Manassas high school, has accepted the chairmanship of the local Heart Fund Drive for 1963 here in Memphis. We hope Mr. Hobson will be able to soften some of these hard, hard hearts of some of these Negro citizens who can readily afford to give a little of that much they obtain from the community — and any community which assures one of a decent living is worthy of support.

RECENTLY WE NOTICE that a lot of our out-of-town subscribers are stopping by the office to say "HELLO" while they are here visiting relatives and friends. Last week, several from California, one from Detroit, one from New York and one from Lansing, Mich. visited our office. We like that very much.

MT. PISGAH NEWS

By WILLIE MAE JOHNSON and BARBARA ANN FINLEY
Hello, this is Barbara and Willie Mae letting you in on the latest happenings around the Greater Mt. Pisgah High.

Earlie Biles was in second place last week in the Miss Mid South contest. She could make first in the weeks to come if you all would work just a little harder. So remember she is a junior. We also have Marlon Green in the contest from Mt. Pisgah. Vote for the girl who you think will represent Mt. Pisgah the best.

Come one, come all. Mt. Pisgah Eagles will have their homecoming game on Feb. 8, 1963. They will go against Geeter. Watch out, Geeter.

Friday, Feb. 1, 1963, the Mt. Pisgah Eagles A team defeated Woodstock's A team, 75-46. Woodstock did not bring their B team so our B team played Mt. Pisgah P.T.A.

SPOTLIGHT
Our spotlight falls on a Jun-

ior. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Stokes of 3334 Irene Road, Forrest Hill, Tenn. She is a member of the New Wrights Chapel M.B. Church, Rev. G. B. Jones, pastor.

Around the campus she is a member of the Cheering Squad and Parliamentarian of the Student Council; and Library Club. After graduation she plans to attend Henderson Business College and major in Secretarial Science. She is no other than Ethel Louise Stokes. So hats off to this wonderful young lady.

Wow! They did it again. The quizes from the greater Mt. Pisgah defeated Geeter High with a perfect score of 1,200 to 1,000. They will go for semichampionship Saturday, Feb. 9. The quizes are Earlie Biles, Veris Watkins, Jencie Motten and Evelyn Edwards. Their coaches are Mrs. Aline Lofties, Mrs. Lucille Seiberts and Mr. A. Johnson. Mr. C. P. Boyd, Principal Mr. S. C. Harris.

DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

By ORA DOUGLAS and Q. T. HUSH

Hello there, this is Ora and Q. T. bringing to you some of the latest news around the big D.

HONOR PROGRAM
Last Friday the Douglass chapter of the National Honor Society presented a program honoring students who made the six-weeks and semester honor roll.

There were two students making the honor roll (principal).

They were as follows: Shelia Williams and Carolyn Owens.

BASKETBALL

Last Wednesday the Devils were downed by the Washington Warriors in an action-filled contest, 59-57.

Friday the Devils got back on the winning path, beating Woodstock, 62-50.

TEEN PAN ALLEY
Shirley Hicks is trying to put a ring in Sidney Brown's nose, but Diego won't have that.

Charles Thomas and Margaret Nunnally are still going strong. Is there no end?

Beverly Brasswell, the freshman class has nothing for you. Lula Armstrong has suitors in the Senior Class.

MANASSAS HIGH NEWS

By COBY SMITH and BARBARA DUNCAN

Last Thursday all Manassas hailed Mrs. Georgia Harvey and Miss Rose Caviness for putting together the first practical man-made ice melting machine to be used.

This machine drew recognition not only from Washington, D.C., but from national capitals all over the world.

When the operator, Charles Branham, started the machine, it produced a thawing sensation but when Carita Harrison sang "At Last," Marvin Bledsoe's blood reached the boiling point. The second show reached approximately the same temperature when Johnella Rhodes and company dedicated "My Man" to yours truly, candidate for vice president of the Student Council.

BYGONE DAYS

Have you ever stopped to think about some of the couples who were oh, so tight last year? Well if you have, take a gander at them now. Some of them are still two lovers, some are apart, and some still don't know what's happening at all.

Carita Harrison and Robert Thrope???

Carita and Marvin Bledsoe? Canlean Jones and Chester Taylor—still swinging.

Joe Duckett and Carmella Gwy.

Jackie Clayvorn.

Kathryn Miller and Rodrick Diggs — Kathryn and Calvin Herring.

Billie Moore and Barbara Kimble—Barbara and George Jackson.

SPOTLIGHT

This week our spotlight

beams on a well-known and well-liked senior. Around Tigers-Ville he is a member of the Ole Timers, the basketball team, Cadet Captain in NDCC, and the sweetheart of the Double Jesters Society.

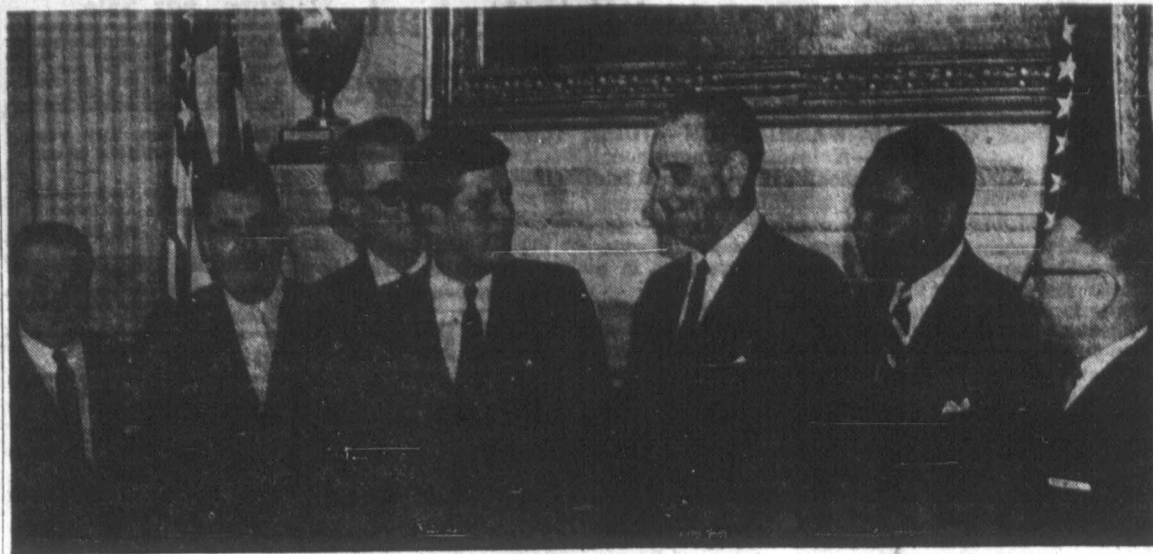
He is none other than Willie Calhoun Owens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleophus Owens Sr., of 2225 Heard Ave. In religious life he is an active member of Trinity CME church of which Rev. P. Gonya Hentel is minister. He plans to attend LeMoyne College. So, hats off to a young man who is a perfect example of a well-rounded young American.

Incidentally, in last week's game with Washington, Willie C. made 31 rebounds and Westley Mitchell scored 30 to bring his average to 16.5 per game.

Hold Rites For Freda DeKnight

Freda DeKnight, 58, long time home service editor for Ebony magazine and author of the recently published "The Ebony Cookbook" died Wednesday Jan. 30, in New York City. Services were held at the Frank E. Campbell Funeral Home, New York City. The family requests that flowers be omitted but contributions can be made to the Krebs Research Foundation, 105 West Adams Street, Chicago.

Mrs. DeKnight who was married to Rene DeKnight, pianist with the Delta Rhythm Boys, divided her time between Chicago, New York and Los Angeles.



PLANS FOR PROGRESS SIGNING—Representatives of two of the 19 firms which signed Plans for Progress with the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity are shown here during the White House ceremonies Jan. 17. Left to right, Casey La Framenta, Chicago, vice president in charge of employee relations, Walgreen Drug

Stores; Norman A. Stapleton, Chicago, president, National Tea Co.; Secretary of Labor Wirtz, Committee vice chairman; President Kennedy; Vice President Johnson, Committee chairman; Hobart Taylor, Jr., Committee executive vice chairman, and T. D. Baima, assistant director of personnel, Walgreen Drug Stores.

Owen College Offers A Quality Education

By DOVER CRAWFORD, JR.

Owen College began operations with a "pilot" student group on Jan. 18, 1954. Since that time, the story of the college has been one of continuous growth and development. This is the realization of a dream of the Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention under the leadership of Dr. S. A. Owen. The property was purchased in 1946 and the college operates under the auspices of the convention.

Owen College was approved by the state department of education and Veterans Administration and admitted to provisional membership in the American Association of Junior Colleges in 1955. The name of the college was changed from S. A. Owen Jr. College to Owen College in 1957.

Through the diligent toil and effort of the administration, faculty, staff and students, Owen College was fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in December, 1958, and was admitted to full membership in the American Association of Junior Colleges.

The beautiful campus at Vance and Orleans encompasses approximately 11 acres on which stand six buildings, housing: dormitories; administrative offices; laboratories; gymnasium; swimming pool; library; classrooms; lounges; cafeteria; recreation rooms; infirmary; auditorium; chapel; music studios and faculty apartments.

QUALITY EDUCATION
Owen College is a two-year institution which offers quality education in a Christian setting. Courses are offered in Applied sciences, Humanities, Language Arts, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Social Sciences lead to the standard two-year college degrees—the Associate in Arts (A.A.) and the Associate in Science (A.S.).

The college seeks to offer the instructional advantages of a two-year college, which are

frequently listed as, smaller classes, better teachers, fewer failures, lower expenses and closer contacts between teacher and student.

The tuition cost at Owen is slightly more than one dollar per day for the overall nine month period and is one of the lowest tuitions anywhere.

EVENING CLASSES

Extended day classes are designed to make possible a college education and graduation for students who are employed during the day hours and features regular offerings of courses during the late afternoon and evening hours.

The college has graduated seven classes or 145 students from the many persons who have enrolled at the institution which attracts a loyal and dedicated faculty that is well-trained and experienced.

Most of the faculty have received all or the greater portion of their training in Negro institutions of national repute. Such schools as Morehouse college, Spelman college, Lane college, Selma University, Tennessee A. & I. State University, Oakwood college, LeMoyne college and Southern university are listed as

the alma maters of the present faculty.

The more than 100 years of teaching experience reflect their rich training and insure the perpetuity of an educational system that produces the generation's militant and dedicated leaders so vitally necessary for the continued progress of the Negro race.

DETERMINED GRADUATES

Owen graduates and former students may be found in many occupations or professions playing an instrumental role in the development of a race determined to erase the image of slavery and second class citizenship.

The sons and daughters of Owen College, for the most part, continue their education in institutions with similar and richer heritages thereby broadening their backgrounds and increasing their desire and capacity to serve.

If education is a main factor in the progress of the universe, nations and races, then doubtless, education is a vital factor in the progress and development of a race long kept in the dark.

Praise is duly given to the education seekers and praise

Universal Continues Growth In 40th Year

The history of Universal Life Insurance company started on Sept. 23, 1923, as an outgrowth of the humanitarian interest of its founder, the late Dr. Joseph Edison Walker and two men who had faith in him.

His co-founders were the late A. W. Willis, who served as first vice president until his death, and the late M. W. Bonner, vice president and secretary until he retired in 1950.

The historical story of Universal Life is depicted in 40 years of community service. Although he was a successful physician reneering community service, he did not quiet his ardent desire to improve the economic conditions of thousands of his fellow men.

Having devoted a great portion of his life to curing the physical ills of his people, he set out on an entirely new venture that of curing the

economic ills of a depressed but hopeful people.

As we reflect back on the 40 years of Universal's progressive growth, we pay special tribute to the men who made this progress possible.

On Sept. 23, 1923, when Universal Life Insurance company opened for business in Memphis, there were no celebrations — no fanfare, but more than an average amount of interest.

This year, as Universal enters its 40th year of service, none of the men who helped found it are on hand to celebrate, but as emphasis is being put on human rights, one must not forget that the realization of their ideas of economic security will bring closer the day of full citizenship and the recognition of complete human rights.

As the years roll by, the company continues to add to the significance of its name, Universal.

LAKEVIEWING WITH GERRI

SO, IT'S FEBRUARY

This is the second month of the year and the shortest. Its name comes from a Latin word meaning "to purify," for February was the month in which the Romans were purified for the religious festivals of the following months.

February was not included as a month when Romulus made the first Roman calendar year. "Februarius," as the Romans called the month, was added later by Numa Pompilius. He made it the twelfth month of the year. It was not placed after January until hundreds of years later.

This month usually has 28 days. Every fourth year, or leap year, it has one extra day. February had thirty days until the time of Julius Caesar, who took one day off to add the month of July, which was named after him. The emperor Augustus took another day off to add August, the month named after him.

GROUND HOG'S DAY

The second day of February is called Ground-Hog Day, because on this day the groundhog, or woodchuck, is supposed to come out of his burrow and look for his shadow.

If the sun is shining and he can see his shadow, the groundhog is said to go back to sleep for awhile, and winter is not over. If he cannot see

his shadow, he begins his activities. Only superstitious people believe in this story. However, it is hardly possible that this creature saw his shadow last Saturday in Memphis. In the meanwhile, we'll see how far spring is away, here!

Our spectacular deep freeze of week end last, while discomforting and inconvenient for many, at the same time brought joy to the hearts (and liniment to the bones) of scores of our winter sports enthusiasts. Residents of the Gardens continued to enjoy "sledding" and pot luck suppers through Monday last.

These cheery gatherings are now passe, at least for the time being, according to weathermen and the only ice coming to Memphis in the foreseeable future, will be "Holiday On Ice."

The BIG NEWS in Lakeview Gardens is the coming of luxurious Lakeview South. More about this plethora of elegant and sophisticated homes in following editions of the TSD.

We wish to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Walter Goodman of 4837 Ortie Drive, who have recently joined the community of happy homeowners.

North Carolina Mutual President Reports To Policyholders On 1962

The 64th Annual Policyholders Meeting of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company was held in the Home Office auditorium Jan. 14, with the president A. T. Spaulding reporting that 1962 marked another eventful year in the history of the company.

The president said, during 1962, the largest and possibly the most significant transaction in the history of the company was consummated on Dec. 11, 1962 when the North Carolina Mutual and the Unity Mutual Life Insurance of Chicago entered into a Reinsurance Agreement. Under the terms of the Agreement all the assets of Unity Mutual amounting to approximately \$3 million were transferred to North Carolina Mutual in consideration for the reinsurance of approximately \$40 million insurance in force of Unity Mutual and the assumption of all its liabilities of every nature.

North Carolina Mutual's 1962 assets are expected to exceed \$76 million, insurance in force to approximate \$340 million, and 1,472 persons including 140 former employees of Unity Mutual, in the employment of the company.

NEW HOME OFFICE

Among noteworthy events of the previous year, the president reported that during the year 1962, the architectural firm of Welton Becket & Associates of Los Angeles and New York, with M. A. Ham of Durham associated was commissioned to design the new home office building. This 12-story building is expected to cost between \$4 and \$5 million. It will be constructed on the historic site "Four Acres" to continue as a landmark in the City of Durham.

On March 5, 1962, a new UNIVAC Solid-State Step System Computer was dedicated; two new policies were placed on the market; for the second consecutive year a member of the Ordinary sales force paid for more than \$1 million of ordinary business in one calendar year, with two salesmen qualifying in 1962; and 3,186 persons visited the home office during the year.

Spaulding closed his report with a challenge to life underwriters to redouble their efforts in pointing out to every

American family the tremendous deficit in the provision for rising future money needs. It is only through the life insurance arrangement that a stated amount of funds can be provided to meet these needs with certainty and immediacy. He stated further, "The future will be replete with challenges but it has been through management's meeting of crises and challenges with judicious responses, an overcoming faith and a dogged determination to succeed, backed up by the cooperation and support of its personnel and the public, that has made North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company what it is today."

OFFICERS ELECTED
Another highlight of the Policyholders Meeting was the election of A. W. Williams, former president of Unity Mutual of Chicago and now a vice president of North Carolina Mutual, to the board of directors. Other Board members re-elected included W. J. Kennedy, Jr., E. R. Merrick, and N. H. Bennett, Jr.

In a meeting of the Board of Directors which followed the Policyholders Meeting, W. A. Clement, Vice President and Agency Director was elected to the Executive Committee and the following other officers were re-elected:

W. J. Kennedy, Jr., chairman of the board; Asa T. Spaulding, president; J. W. Gaudin, senior vice president; secretary; Mrs. V. G. Turner, vice president and treasurer; N. H. Bennett, Jr., vice president and actuary; W. A. Clement, CLU, vice president; and agency director; M. A. Sloan, CLU, vice president and associate agency director; C. C. Spaulding, Jr., vice president and general counsel; W. J. Kennedy, III, assistant secretary and controller; J. J. Henderson, assistant vice president; R. C. Foreman, associate controller; L. B. Porter, assistant actuary; Murray J. Marving, planning director; L. B. Frasier, agency secretary; R. C. W. Perry, assistant secretary and supervisor of home office operations;

Charles D. Watts, M.D., medical director; N. L. Gregg, Assistant Agency Director; Abner E. Lee, Assistant Agency Director; A. P. Dumas, Assistant Agency Director; A. E. Spears, Jr., Assistant Controller; Mrs. Geneva B. Hawkins, Assistant Treasurer; R. Kelly Bryant, Jr., Assistant Secretary and Manager of the Ordinary Department; Mrs. Louise T. McCrea, Assistant Secretary; Mrs. Eula W. Harris, Underwriting Secretary; A. W. Williams, (former President of Unity Mutual), Vice President; Mrs. Lillian W. Ward, (former Secretary of Unity Mutual), Assistant Secretary; Edward J. Halfacre, (former Vice President and Agency Director of Unity Mutual) Assistant Agency Director.

BJR Store In Same Location Over 65 Years

Beasley - Bro. - Jones - Ragland, also known as BJR have been located in the same block on Main St., between Union and Gayoso, for more than 65 years—an enviable record.

The original store was established in 1894 at Main and Gayoso Sts. The present location is at 99 S. Main St., in the middle of the same block.

The policy at BJR has not changed in these many years. It is now—as in the past—the policy of the store to provide "Quality Men's Wear at Sensible Prices," and always interested in personal service.

Among the many famous brand names you will find at BJR are Stacy Adams Shoes, Rogers Peet Clothes and Cavanaugh Hats, as well as many other nationally known lines of men's wear.

For the man who prefers Quality Merchandise at Sensible Prices BJR is the place to find it.

Y-Teen Corner

The Senior Council plans to meet at the Sarah Brown Branch YWCA, 1044 Mississippi Blvd., Wednesday, Feb. 6. Miss Geraldine Robinson of Booker T. Washington high school will be presiding. This group of Y-Teen leaders will be making plans for their Annual Spring Formal, which is set for March 29. Plans are already underway for the Y-Teen Potato Chip Sale.

Thursday is "Canteen Night" for teen age boys and girls in the community. Canteen membership cards may be obtained at the YWCA.

Junior Y-Teens will be attending an all day Junior Y-Teen Play-Day conference on Saturday, from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m. Held each year during mid-winter, the Junior Play-Day conference will be fun, informative, inspirational and a growing experience for Y-Teens in the YWCA.

Purpose of the conference is to provide an opportunity for growth and development of leadership for the YWCA and community.



WINS PRIZE TRIP

Mrs. Mary Helen Watkins of 4824 Holeman rd. is the winner of a trip to the Caribbean Islands offered by the Christian Benevolent Lodge Society for the person who enrolled the most members since the campaign started last July. But instead of going to the Islands, Mrs. Watkins accepted the money and was crowned "Queen of the Caribbean." Others in the contest were Mrs. Estelle Morgan, Mrs. Marjorie Stephens, Mrs. Louella Parker, Mrs. Ethel Bounds, Bennie Bell, John Dibrel and Charles Woods.

Barnett Demands Jury Trial In Mississippi

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — Mississippi Gov. Ross Barnett and Lt. Gov. Paul P. Johnson demanded a trial by jury in their home state contempt of court charges growing out of the James Meredith case.

Attorneys for the two Mississippi officials denied the jurisdiction of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans which cited them for contempt for refusing to admit Meredith to the University of Mississippi.

They demanded that the charge of civil contempt be changed to criminal contempt to put the case before a federal district court jury rather than a panel of judges in the Louisiana city.

The charges against Barnett and Johnson should be changed from civil contempt to criminal contempt, a 31-page brief filed with the high court said.

"All present proceedings should be dismissed in this court for lack of jurisdiction, lack of prerequisite of grand jury indictment and lack of procedural power of summons and proceed without a constitutional jury," the brief said.

Barnett's attorneys cited the U.S. Constitution's guarantee that citizens of each state shall have equal rights and immunities under the law.

This right, they said, guarantees the two Mississippi officials a trial by jury.

The charges against the two should be criminal contempt and should be tried in Mississippi, the brief said.

Barnett and Johnson were under orders by the Fifth Circuit Court to admit Meredith to the school.

Barnett was held in contempt

for refusing to permit Meredith to enter the office of the University of Mississippi board of trustees last Sept. 25.

Johnson was held in contempt when, acting under orders from Barnett, he refused to let Meredith on the campus Sept. 26.

Meredith's enrollment at the school touched off rioting that left two persons dead and dozens injured. More than 100 persons were arrested as U. S. marshals and federal troops poured onto the Ole Miss campus.

The nine judges of the Fifth Circuit Court overruled a Mississippi District Court on July 8, 1962 and ordered Barnett to admit Meredith to the school.

Barnett's attorneys said "und-

er the civil contempt charge this honorable court is proceeding under the assumption that its power to fine and imprison is limited only by its discretion and the provisions of the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution."

The attorneys also cited the Sixth Amendment which guarantees the speedy and public trial by impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime has been committed.

The Constitution also provides, the Mississippi attorneys said, that trial of all crimes except in case of impeachment shall be by jury, and such trial shall be held in the state where the alleged crime was committed.

Assails S. C. Racist's Apology Over Clemson

COLUMBIA, S. C. — (UPI) — A South Carolina businessman asked southern governors to ignore a state legislator's apologies to them for the admission of a Negro to Clemson College.

Construction company executive Michael J. Mungo told the governors in telegrams that State Rep. A. W. (Red) Bethea's stand "is by no means a popular expression of the people of South Carolina."

Bethea, an outstanding segregationist, had wired southern governors expressing apologies for the state's "meek stand" against the desegregation of Clemson by Harvey Gantt. Gov. Ross Barnett of Mississippi promptly invited Bethea to address the Mississippi legislature next year.

"Mr. Bethea has tried to officially become our spokesman, by aspiring to the governor's office and was soundly repudiated," Mungo said. The businessman said South Carolinians, while favoring segregation, remain law-abiding, and "conducted themselves in a highly mature and dignified manner during the integration of Clemson."

School Aid Bill To Fail, Warns Rep. Adam Powell

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — A leading congressional school aid supporter told the administration there is no realistic chance for passage of President Kennedy's education program in a single package.

The warning, by chairman Adam C. Powell, D-N.Y., of the House education and labor committee, came at the opening catchall education bill sent to Congress last week by the President. It followed a similar prediction by Rep. Peter Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, the committee's ranking Republican.

Secretary Anthony J. Celebrezze of the Health, Education and Welfare Department, and U.S. Education Commissioner Francis Keppel, both newcomers in the congressional school aid battle, were the administration's lead-off witnesses.

Both men urged the committee to approve the big bill.

"It is a comprehensive bill which addresses itself to the entire complex of needs in American education," Celebrezze said.

Kerner Proclaims

Ill. History Month

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — (UPI) — February, 1963, is "Illinois History Month" as proclaimed by Gov. Otto Kerner, it was announced.

Kerner's proclamation was Illinois State Historical Society, through its president, Robert M. Sutton of Urbana, history professor and associate dean of the graduate school at the University of Illinois.

The 154th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln will be observed this month.

Powell said in his opening statement that he supported the bill.

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Negroes Optimistic Over Gains Made During The Past Ten Years

(Executive Secretary, NAACP)

The year 1963 marks the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. This significant and historical event legally freed the Negro citizenry of this great country of the bondage of slavery. But it is quite obvious that much unfinished work remains in our great task toward complete freedom and first-class citizenship.

It is significant to note that the bulk of the progress toward freedom made during the past century has been accomplished only during the past ten years of this 100-year period.

So as we pause to glance back, we should anticipate the future of the Negro during the next century.

'NEW NEGRO'

The past decade a new Negro has emerged who is no longer intimidated by those who would oppress and who is strongly determined, fearless and optimistic in the quest for freedom. He is optimistic because the past ten years have been highlighted with efforts in all the courts of our land from whence have come clear and precise rulings that outlaw the public manifestation of segregation on the basis of race.

The future of the Negro during the next 100 years can be as bright as the Negro citizen-



MRS. MAXINE A. SMITH

ry would will it to be. The efforts and extreme sacrifices made during the time since the Emancipation Proclamation have laid the groundwork and unlocked the doors. Only our determination and future efforts can predict the rapidity with which these doors will be open.

Negro citizens represent about 37 per cent of the Memphis population with comparable percentages in other areas of the Southland. It is impossible for such large percentages of a population to be discriminated against and refused opportunities rightfully belonging to them if said seg-

ment of the population has the desire to attain first-class citizenship and the willingness to make the necessary sacrifices to attain this equal status.

FUTURE BRIGHT

In the area of politics, much has been done and can be accomplished if the full potential is exercised. An even greater change than has been witnessed in Southern politicians can be predicted if by our political activity we will demand such.

In our community the NAACP has led the way in breaking down the barriers of discrimination in both public and private facilities. But the Negro populace still is not in the main stream of American society which is indicative of the task that lies ahead.

The time is ripe for complete social change as we begin the second century since the Emancipation Proclamation. To accomplish this every individual must realize that Freedom is indeed HIS business and become a part of this struggle by fulfilling his political obligations, supporting freedom-seeking organizations by giving of his money, his time and himself to assure the success of each effort being made.

The challenge is ours. The future of the Negro lies within the spirit and the performance of every Negro citizen.



With Her Favorite Book — Mrs. Elizabeth Farrell, who lives at 1091 Leath st. with Mrs. Ora Scott, was born only one week after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed by President Abraham Lincoln, and here she is seen reading her favorite book, the Bible. Born at Marshall County, Tenn., she is the widow of the late Rev. T. H. Farrell, who died in 1954. She is the oldest member of St.

James AME church. Commented Mrs. Farrell: "I'm not trying to meddle in his business, but I am just waiting on God to come and say 'The secretary has fought a good fight.' I don't want to be a burden on the people, because they only have two feet and two hands." Mrs. Farrell has no known living relatives. She was 100 years old on Tuesday, Jan. 8. — (Mark Stansbury Photo).

School Integration Not New To South Carolina

NEW YORK—The peaceful enrollment of Harvey Gantt as a student at Clemson college in South Carolina was hailed here this week by NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins as "a significant turning point in the current integration struggle."

"South Carolina, a proud state, has not chosen to demonstrate its pride through violence," Wilkins declared, "and for this the entire nation is indebted to South Carolina leaders, the governor and legislators, the Clemson administration and students."

However, he pointed out, "Mr. Gantt is by no means the

first Negro to attend classes with white students in South Carolina's public education system. His admission to Clemson, the NAACP secretary said, represents a resumption of a process interrupted some 80 years ago with the collapse of Reconstruction."

Negroes attended the University of South Carolina in Columbia during Reconstruction, Wilkins said. At least one Negro was a member of the university faculty—Richard T. Greener who was the first of his race to be graduated from Harvard College in 1870. He taught philosophy at the South Carolina institution until 1877.

While teaching there, he attended the university law school.

In 1936 when the school's Alumni Council was seeking the oldest living graduate to honor at a ceremony on the campus they found 83-year-old Alonzo Gray Townsend, a Negro clergyman and teacher of Sumter, S.C., who attended the university, 1872-76, earning the A.B. degree. The planned celebration was canceled.

Not only did Negroes attend the university, but they also went to the same public and elementary schools under an anti-segregation provision of the state constitution adopted in 1868. The state's Reconstruction constitution included the following section:

MOSCOW — (UPI) — Yusif Gasanov, a collective farm shepherd, celebrated his 130th birthday in his Caucasus home

Miss LaVern Howard Wed To Roy Hoskins

The wedding of the former Miss LaVern Howard and Roy B. Hoskins was held at Victor's Chapel with the Rev. W. C. Holmes officiating, assisted by Rev. M. L. Hendricks.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Howard of 780 Marechal Neil; and Mr. Hoskins is the son of Mrs. Velma Liddell of Detroit, Mich.

At the ceremony, music was furnished by Mrs. Georgia P. Quinn, aunt of the bride.

The lovely young bride was given in marriage by her father, and wore a short wedding gown of peau de soie and organza beaded with white pearls and sequins. Her short veil of illusion fell from a pearl crown; and she carried

a white Bible adorned by a white orchid.

Her only attendant was Mrs. Clara E. Glass of Chicago, Illinois, her matron of honor, who wore a sheath dress of red satin and lace, and matching bow headpiece and veil. Her bouquet was of white carnations.

A wedding reception was given by the bride's parents at Victor's Chapel reception rooms, where Mrs. Foresting Lewis and William H. Corley, assisted the hostess. Other assistants at the wedding reception were Miss Lizzie M. Patterson, Miss Beverly A. Truitt, Miss Sarah Ruben, Miss Doris Edwards, Mrs. Peggie P. Jones, Mrs. Mary A. Wallace and Miss Deloise Prince.

Henderson Business College Started With Two Typewriters

Only a rare individual would consider two used typewriters and a rented room sufficient assets to go in business.

But when combined with the million dollars worth of faith possessed by George W. Henderson on Jan. 1, 1912, it was all that was needed to found what is known as Henderson Business College today.

Perhaps it was the dreams of an institution that stands today in Memphis today that Mr. Henderson founded the school in Knoxville. He also had some \$2.20 in his pockets at the time.

After renting a room in the Mayers Training school for 75 cents a week, he advertised his school with tuition rates of 50 cents a week. Many business and professional people predicted that the school would be a failure. But the school survived and seven diplomas were awarded the first year.

MORE SCHOOLS

Mr. Henderson wrote a system of shorthand in 1914 and created a correspondence school for the sale of it at Nashville.

After two successful years in the capital city, a branch of Henderson Business College was established in Memphis.

Just as they had in Knoxville, many persons predicted that it would fail.

Today, notwithstanding those negative predictions, Henderson Business College has made rapid strides in training youth for a future in the commercial world, and owns property, fixtures and equipment valued at \$102,700.

It is a member of the Tennessee Business College Association and the National Rehabilitation Association.

Having made such a success of a venture which started with little more than an idea, it is little wonder that Henderson has for its motto: "Where Dreams Come True."

Strange Behavior

WILKESBORO, N.C.—(UPI)—Grover McNeil, 34, pleaded no contest to charges of kidnapping, assault with a deadly weapon and assault on a female—all filed by his wife.

Mrs. Beulah Williams Heads Wives' Council

The home of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. McRae of 1893 Ferber was the setting for the recent meeting of the Memphis and Shelby County Interdenominational Ministers' Wives Council with Mrs. McRae as hostess.

Mrs. L. A. Story presided during a spicy business session, and then officers for 1963 were elected.

The newly-elected officers are Mrs. A. McEwen Williams, president; Mrs. L. A. Story, vice president; Mrs. J. L. Gleese, recording secretary; Mrs. E. Paul Beavers, assistant recording secretary; Mrs. D. Williamson, Theima Hooks, Warner Browning, financial secretary; Mrs. J. B. Boyd, corresponding secretary; and

Mrs. D. S. Cunningham, treasurer.

MEMBER MOVES

It was announced that one member, Mrs. R. E. Honey-sucker, has gone to Knoxville with her husband.

Following the business session, a tasty menu was served to Mesdames Beulah Williams, Lottie Storey, Ethel Beavers, Lucy Browning, Annie Boyd, Eula Cunningham, Hattie Stewart, Selma Ragsdale, Ruby Williamson, Theima Hooks, Mary Martin, Katherine Bryant, Willa Briscoe and Mary Daniels.

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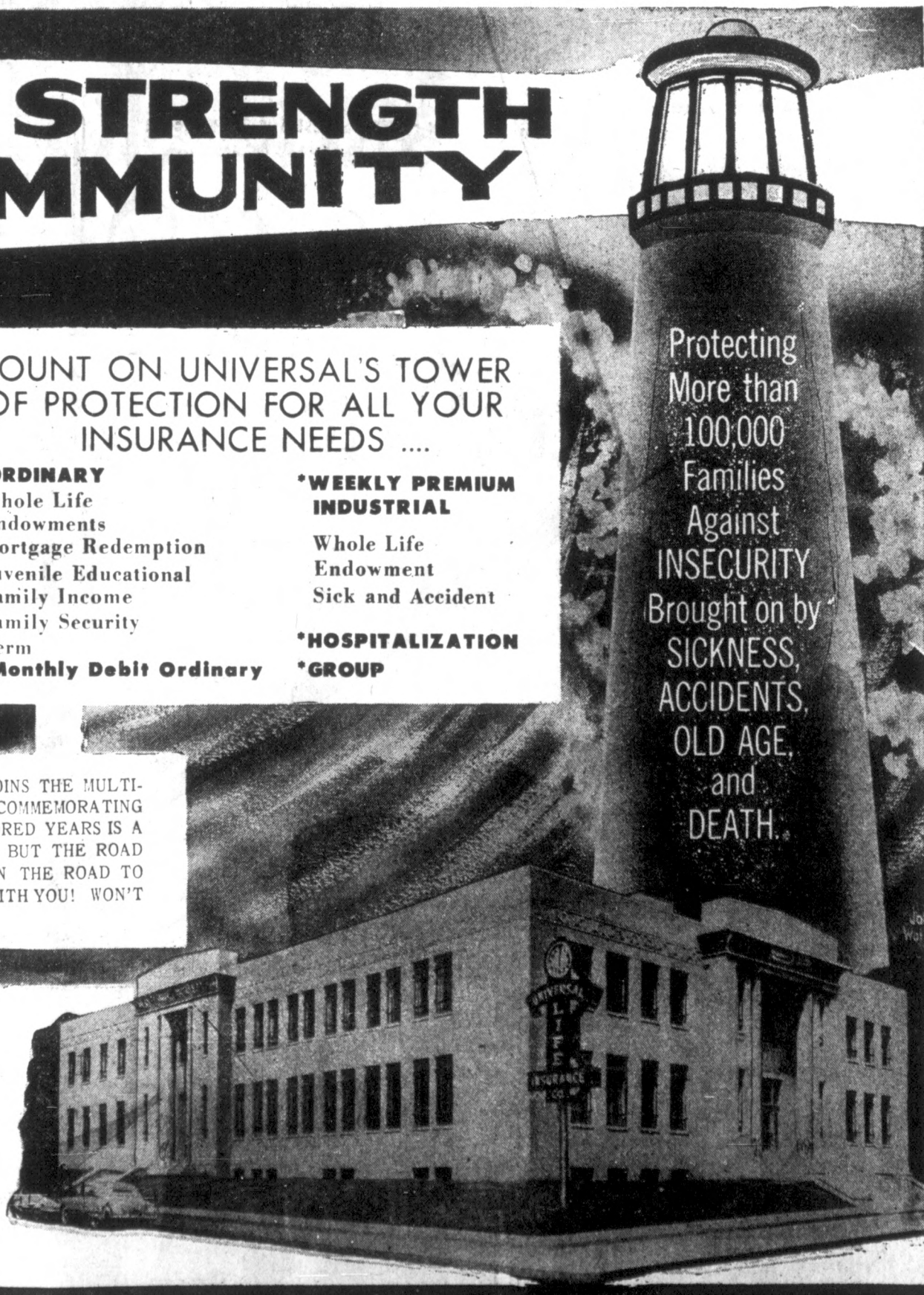
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Emancipation Program At Parkway Gardens

BLAIR T. HUNT

The Christian Action Committee of Parkway Gardens Presbyterian church will present a program in observance of the Emancipation Proclamation Centennial on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 4 p. m. at the church at 1683 S. Parkway east.

A brief history of the Proclamation will be given by Atty. A. A. Lattin, Elder Blair T. Hunt, pastor of Mississippi Blvd. Christian church will speak on the achievements of the Negro during the century.

The present status and the future opportunities of the Negro will be discussed by Rev. James M. Lawson, pastor of Centenary Methodist church.

Mrs. G. W. Stanley Ish, Jr., is chairman of the observance. The celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation is considered significant for the American people in general and particularly for the Negro.

As a result of the celebration, the church hopes that people will grow to appreciate the past 100 years to such an extent that it will lead them to a new commitment to freedom in a new and challenging future.

Parkway Gardens Presbyterian expects all other Negro churches in the city to observe the centennial.

Rev. Lawrence F. Haygood is pastor of the church.

Robert Kennedy Sees New Gains

By ROBERT F. KENNEDY
U. S. Attorney General

In the hundred years since the Emancipation Proclamation, the American Negro has made great and proud contributions to the growth, strength and honor of our country. Regrettably, his achievement of the rights guaranteed by the Constitution has not kept pace.

In this Administration, we are making a positive and continuing effort to see that these rights have meaning for every citizen, whether white or Negro.

Negroes are now serving in important posts in the government—not just jobs created for them or jobs which deal with minority groups.

For the first time Negroes are serving on the United States District Court in the continental United States and the United States Attorneys in two of our largest cities are Negroes. The United States Marshal in the District of Columbia, the largest U. S. Marshal's office in the country is a Negro.

Progress like this requires affirmative action to overcome centuries of blind adherence to tradition and prejudice. When we came to the Department of Justice, which is responsible for enforcing the laws including those which deal with civil rights, we found that there were only ten Negroes employed as attorneys. Today there are five or six times that number.

These men were not appointed because they were Negroes. They were chosen because we need dedicated, able people in our government and we are not foolish enough to deny ourselves the services of such people because of the color of their skin.

Private industry is also beginning to recognize the folly of racial barriers. This progress has resulted, in large part, because of the work of the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunities under the leadership of Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Where voluntary action is not forthcoming from those who do business with the government, we are taking action.

In the field of education, the federal government is taking an active role in assisting local officials to expedite school integration, or in enforcing the law of the land when it is disobeyed.

Tremendous progress has been made in eliminating racial segregation in interstate transportation is no longer a problem. This progress does not mean that all is well. There is much more to be done.

The story will go on for some years to come. There may be some set-backs and some difficult turns. I cannot predict all the developments. But I can tell you how it will end.

No American will be denied his human rights or his Constitutional rights because of his race creed, or religion.

Avery Chapel AME Celebrating Centennial With Emancipation

Avery Chapel AME church began the celebration of its Centennial Year as a spiritual institution in Memphis with 100 hours of continual prayer on Jan. 1, 1963.

Avery members are reading the Bible for 100 hours during the month of February and have set as a membership goal for 1963 some 100 adult members and 100 youth.

Its boldest project for the year is \$100,000 for which to liquidate the mortgage on the edifice at 882 E. Trigg ave. and to build a Youth Training Center.

Already 100 members of the church have pledged to solicit or give \$100 during the year. It will also raise money through "The Book of 100,000 Names" which members will ask persons to sign. The book will be added to the permanent archives of Avery Chapel.

SPECIAL BANQUET

Dr. Peter G. Crawford, the present pastor, announced that a special feature of February will be a Richard Allen and Abraham Lincoln banquet.

Members of committees already at work are Mrs. Hattie Harrison, general chairlady. On the program committee are Mrs. Erma Cook Mrs. Cleo Jones and Miss Rosa Robinson.

Memphis Man At Congress Library

A Memphian, Thomas C. Kilpatrick, was appointed to the staff of the Library Congress as a clerk on Feb. 1, according to word received here. A graduate of Hamilton high school, Kilpatrick was the school's star half-back 1957-58.

He won a scholarship to Southern Illinois university, Carbondale, Ill. where he played football two years. He volunteered for the U. S. Marines and served three years. He was also outstanding in football during his tour of duty.

Kilpatrick is married to the former Miss Venette Edwards, who was among the first "Sittins" at the Memphis Cossitt library.

Kilpatrick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Kilpatrick, 1395 Doris Ave. The senior Kilpatrick is first vice president of the Memphis Chapter of the Tennessee Federation of Democratic Leagues.

Dolson New Head Of 14th Ward Club

Odell Dolson of 1809 Beach st., has been elected president of the 14th Ward Civic club. He succeeds Mrs. Callie Lentz Stevens to the post.

Others elected were Cleve Holiday, first vice president; Williams Brown, second vice president; Mrs. Hayes Curry, recording secretary; Mrs. Lucille Carr, assistant secretary; Mrs. Louise Harris, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Besie Wells, membership secretary; Lonnie Cobb, treasurer; Hayes Curry, sergeant-at-arms, and Anthony Jones, chaplain.

Members of the board are Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Mable Purnell, Wade Smith and Mrs. B. Powell.

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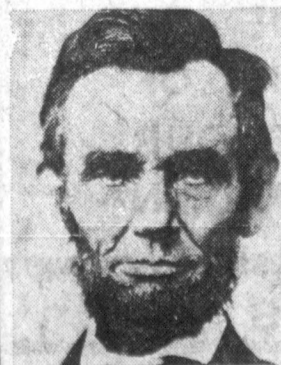
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The JACKSON Scene

by Anna C. Cooke

WINTER EVENTS
It seems as the weather has let up somewhat as far as the snow goes, and I'm sure you will bear with me when I say we've had it. It was a long unscheduled vacation for the county school system and two days were lost in the city system. But in spite of it all, some things continued to go on with many scheduled events having to be postponed.

The warm atmosphere of the lovely home of Mrs. W. R. Bell brought members of the Echo Bridge club out of the chilling snow for an afternoon of bridge on Saturday, January 26. A delicious chicken dinner with hot coffee satisfied hunger pangs before bridge began. Special guest at the meeting was Mrs. Hunter, niece of Dr. Carrie Bigger who hails from Cleveland, Ohio.

Members present were Mesdames Carrie Bigger, Bernice Lucas, Annie M. Bond, Frances Washington, Rosetta McKissack, Georgia Adkins, and your scribe. Mrs. Atkins taking the place vacated by the death of Mrs. Fern Walker.

Prizes for accumulated high scores went to Mesdames Bell, Lucas, McKissack and Washington. High scores at this meeting were made by Mesdames Adkins, Lucas, and your scribe. Your scribe also captured the traveling prize too so it seemed to have been my lucky day.

ATTENDS INAUGURATION
Miss Rosalyn Annette Hughes, a sophomore at Lane College from Columbia, Tenn., was privileged to have been an on-the-spot observer as Governor Frank G. Clement took his oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Tennessee for the third time, Tuesday at 12 noon, January 15, 1963.

Miss Hughes attended the ceremonies with her cousin, James Bellanfant, publicity director, Tennessee Federation of Democratic Leagues, Inc., in Columbia.

Her expression on the reception and ball that followed that night was that it was a

lovely affair even though they had to remain in line nearly two hours to shake the governor's hand and get his autograph.

While in Nashville, Miss Hughes had the opportunity to tour the Cordell Hull building and showed much enthusiasm about her experience upon her return to the campus where she is an honor student. Aurora Club member, SCA, SNEA, and a member of the Lane College touring choir. Off to Atlanta last week was J. A. Cooke, athletic director at Lane college. The occasion was to attend the 100 Per Cent Wrong banquet, honoring athletes and coaches.

RELIGIOUSLY
In spite of the inclement weather, Religious Emphasis Week went on as scheduled on the campus of Lane College but had to be moved from the college chapel to the college church, St. Paul.

Special speaker for the week was Rev. A. Montgomery, a graduate of Lane college who formerly lived in Jackson. Presently he is pastoring St. Matthews CME church of Wichita, Kansas. Song leader for the week was Mrs. L. O. Crofton of Arkansas.

The theme was "Today's Christian Message and the Church Related College," with the program being planned by Mrs. Priscille H. Howard, director of Religious Activities and the Student Christian Association along with the Student Ministerial Alliance. Two sessions each day were well attended by community residents as well as the college family.

Keep your eyes and ears open for the many spring activities which will be announced in the near future. Important affairs are beginning to get on the slate now.

The semester break for colleges was so near Christmas, many remained on the various campuses, but finding their way home for the semester break were Rhoda Jean Beasley, freshman at Fisk University and Joe Louis Montgomery, senior at Bradley.



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Residents of Joseph A. Fowler Homes above have found the satisfaction of accomplishment through their varied pieces of handmade objects. Mrs. Willie Dean Jackson

(standing at right) manager of the homes is impressed by the clothes hanger bird cage fashioned by one of the residents.

'Down Embassy Row' In One Night At J-U-G-S' Annual Charity Ball

In recent months, most of the leading fashion magazines have featured articles about the "new look" that shines on Embassy Row. These articles insist that the classic picture of the lady who is the wife of an ambassador is being changed by the enthusiasm and freshness of the young representatives who now live on Embassy Row.

This same freshness and enthusiasm aptly describe the girls who have been chosen as "living ads" at the J-U-G-S Annual Charity Ball, to be staged Friday, March 1, in the mezzanine ballroom of the city auditorium. These girls

were selected with the emphasis on talent, scholarship, and personality as well as beauty.

Mrs. Anne Nelson, chairman of costumes for the ball, announces that the ads will be dressed in costumes of the countries they represent.

The native elegance of each of the countries will be manifested in the fabrics from which the costumes will be made. Brocades, silks, moires, sequins, and pearls are but a few of the fabulous fabrics and accessories that will enhance the colorful dress of the ads.

These ads will also perform

the dances of the countries they represent to the music of Bill Harvey and his orchestra. Portraying ambassadors of the various countries, the lovely ads will give the patrons a vicarious trip around the world and permit the patrons to optimistically envision a world where beauty and goodwill prevail.

Some of the countries being represented include Japan, England, Mexico, the Ivory Coast, and the United States.

The admission to the formal ball is \$2.50 per person, payable at the door the night of the dance. All proceeds go toward the maintenance of a counselor for unwed mothers.

Des Moines Churches Join In Brotherhood Service

DES MOINES, Iowa —(UPI)— Negro and white congregations of two local churches attended a combined worship service here in recognition of Brotherhood Week.

It was believed to be the first such service in the city. Members of Burns Methodist Church, a Negro congregation, met at Windsor Methodist Church for the service. Choirs of the two churches also combined.

Dr. Earnest A. Smith, president of Rust College, Holly

Springs, Miss., was the main speaker.

He told the combined congregations it is beyond the power of the church members or any one man to solve the race problem, which he called the nation's major challenge.

Dr. Smith called discrimination the "weakness in our strong course for moral leadership for the world" and said young Negroes for generations will be "the sacrificial offering" necessary to end the problem.

HUMBOLDT NEWS

CHOIR RECITAL

In spite of the very cold night, citizens of Humboldt and nearby braved the icy streets to hear the "Wings Over Jordan Ensemble" at the Stigall Gym on Wednesday, Jan. 30, and proud they were to have gone, for they were well rewarded with a very enjoyable program.

The director, Mr. Brooks, with his outstanding bass voice was tops both in his directing and singing. The soloists all did remarkably well, and all had nice voices.

The program consisted mostly of gospels and spirituals, and were rendered with such ease and style as to make them interesting indeed. The old faces, once a part of that great ensemble, were missed as such, but we predict that this younger set, will blaze another trail for anyone who likes good singing without the jazz. Principal Nunn wishes to use this means to express thanks to the faculty, student body and friends who gave their support to this effort for the benefit of the school. Seen at a glance were Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Mathis and daughter, with Mrs. Blondell Koonce, all from Alamo. Rev. Mathis recorded the program.

MRS. STIGALL ILL
We know that life is always interesting for some days must be sad and dreary, and dreary it is for Humboldt as we await the news of the condition of

our own Mrs. Ollie E. Stigall, one of the community's venerable citizens who has entered St. Mary's hospital for surgery. Even at the age of 96, she proves herself useful to any occasion, and seldom did she allow the discomfort of having just one leg prevent her from church and other places where she could go. So, we can ask the Master's mercy in her affliction.

WEATHER VICTIMS

In from falls in the snow and ice are Mesdames Valentine Carr and Bessie Allen. Both are doing at this writing. Mrs. Tishia Mitchell is also at St. Mary's doing nicely.

The bad weather kept the little ones from the kindergarten, but they are back now, and happy as can be. The work has also had to stop because of the weather, but we hope it can be completed sometime in the spring.

Donations from Miss Lila Northcross' list include five dollars from her along with C. C. Moody, Sr., and the same amounts from Miss Mable Northcross of St. Louis, Mrs. Annie Mitchell of Columbus, O.; Charlie Rufus of Los Angeles, and Miss Sally Hazelett of Los Angeles, and one dollar from Mrs. Lottie V. Morris of Chicago. Other donations will be printed as given in.

A good citizen and well wisher presented the school with some strawberries for the children's lunches.

Zetas Install Officers

Mrs. Annie M. Naylor, 1320 Brown st., became the president of Zeta Phi Beta sorority when the gavel was turned over to her by the retiring president, Mrs. Loretta Kateo, during installation services recently.

The new president wore a white orchid presented to her by her husband, W. I. Naylor, for the occasion. Mrs. Grace Horner, daughter of the president and also a Zeta, was present for the ceremony.

Other officers installed were: Mrs. Earline Somerville, first vice president; Mrs. Maggie Jordan, second vice president; Mrs. Marguerite L. Cox, treasurer; Mrs. Eunice Callian, secretary to the treasurer; Miss Lillian Whitney, secretary; Mrs. Frances Taylor, assistant secretary; Miss Cornelia Sanders, parliamentarian; Mrs. Loretta Kateo, reporter; Mrs. Mary Childers, telephone contacts chairman.

President Naylor appointed committees for the year immediately after taking her office.

The Zeta sorority, both graduate and undergraduate chapters, celebrated its 43rd Founder's Day. The history of

the sorority was read by Mrs. Bernice A. E. Callway, recently named the "Greek of the Year" by the Memphis Pan-Hellenic Council.

Others appearing on the program included Miss Laura Lawrence, Mrs. Lucille Woods. A skit, depicting three "Calorie Counting Socialites," was portrayed by Miss Erma Clanton, Mrs. Burnadine Holmes and Mrs. Elizabeth Durham. Also taking a part in the skit was Mrs. Earline Somerville.

Mrs. Janet Elliot of Los Angeles, Calif., also a Zeta, attended.

The sorority presented 28 books to the Jessie Manan Day Care Center in memory of Miss Hazel U. Pyles, a teacher of primary children. She died Dec. 16, 1962.

3rd In Series Of Literature Talks

Dr. Ralph G. Johnson, professor of English at LeMoyne, will discuss "Four Philosophical Concepts in Literature" this Friday morning, Feb. 8, at 10:30 in the college lecture hall. His presentation is the third in a series sponsored by the English department.

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Tri-Community News

By JOHN JONES

Despite the icy weather, services were held at Beach Grove Baptist church last week with only a small crowd present. Many persons in the community have been kept in by the snow and ice.

Brother Dave Williams of Milan gave a program at Beach Grove last Sunday, and he is scheduled to appear at Mt. Zion soon.

Members of Beach Grove have been asked to contribute five dollars to the Kitchen fund as a new kitchen will be built to the church.

A drive is being held in Bradford, Tenn., and will feature the Blue Heaven singers and a gospel group from Missouri. Miss Dorothy Rogers is the Blue Heaven singers' queen and Miss Alice Clay, queen of the Gospel Group.

FUNERAL HELD
Funeral services for Mrs. Della Jennings were held recently at Beach Grove Baptist church.

She is survived by her husband, Ode Jennings, and her children, Mrs. Silas Roach and Albert Jennings of Rutherford. Burial was in Mt. Zion cemetery. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

SCHOOL NEWS
All Gibson county schools

were closed recently because of the bad weather, but the students, including your reporter, were anxious to get back to classes.

NEWSBOYS CONTEST

I am entering the Newsboys' contest now in progress by the Tri-State Defender, and would like for all families in the area to support me.

The president of the China Grove school is asking that all members support the organization. If you are unable to attend meetings, he would appreciate your contributions.

Hamilton Grad To Take Jet Aircraft

AMARILLO AFB, Tex. — Airman Third Class John C. Curry of Memphis, Tenn., is being reassigned to Seymour Johnson AFB, N. C., following his graduation from the United States Air Force technical training course for jet aircraft mechanics here.

Airman Curry, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones of 1192 College St., Memphis, was trained to maintain and service jet aircraft and aircraft systems.

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Pin-Pointers At Publishers Parley — As guest of The Miami Times, National Newspaper Publishers Association held its winter workshop at Miami's Hampton House Hotel last weekend. Above are scenes from luncheon hosted by The Coca-Cola Company, Atlanta, Ga. From left, Moss H. Kendrix, Washington, D. C., PE firm head, addresses luncheon. Harry Alexander, NNPA secretary, Cleveland, Ohio, Call & Post, is seen at speaker's left. In center photo are Kendrix, NNPA President E. Washington Rhodes, Philadelphia Tribune, NNPA Founding President John H. Sengstacke, Chicago Daily Defender, D. Arnett Murphy, vice president and director of advertising, and John H. Murphy, III, president, The Afro-American Newspapers, Baltimore, Md. Rhodes addresses meeting in next photo

as H. E. Sigismund Reeves, Miami Times editor and publisher applauds the pinpointer. From left, lower photo, are Dr. Carlton Goodlett, publisher, San Francisco Sun-Reporter, E. O. Jackson, Birmingham World, Balm Leavell, Chicago New Crusader, and Garth C. Reeves, managing editor, Miami Times, who was chairman of the conference. Arnett Murphy and Kendrix serve on the NNPA's Public Affairs Committee, which is headed by Thomas W. Young, Norfolk Journal and Guide publisher. This committee handles the promotion of National Negro Newspaper Week, an annual project of the publishers group. The Kendrix Organization represents The Coca-Cola Industry. Annual convention of NNPA will be held at Detroit in June with The Michigan Chronicle as host.

Lakeview Club To Meet Feb. 12

The Lakeview Gardens Civic club plan to hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday Feb. 12, at 7:30 P.M., at Lakeview Elementary school, 5132 Jonetta Road.

Activities of the evening will be divided into two sessions under the coordination of Fred Garner. The first session will highlight a discussion on Homes and Gardens by Mrs. John L. Baxter, who will be introduced by Mrs. Joyce Springfield.

The second session will develop into a grand welcoming party for newcomers to the area. Mrs. Carolyn Garner and her planning and program committee promise an evening of excitement and fun for all.

Mrs. Mildred Roland of Carnation Milk Co., Inc. will serve a variety of delicacies.

To Observe 62nd Anniversary

Ward Chapel AME church, 1125 S. Parkway East, has planned to celebrate its 62nd anniversary Sunday, Feb. 10, announces the pastor, Rev. R. L. McRae, who will deliver a special sermon at 11 a. m. The featured speaker for a 3 p. m. program is expected to be Rev. P. E. Brooks, pastor of Smother's Chapel CME church. Music will be supplied by the church's choir.

Graphic Story About City's First Negroes

By L. T. GEORGE W. LEE

Who were the earliest Negro residents of Memphis? From whence did they come to grow to an estimated 35 percent of the population of this city?

At present Negro Memphians have roots in every one of the 50 states, but many years before the Civil War, Byrd Hill and Ike Nevels, who operated slave marts on Adams Street between Second and Main, supplied the community with slaves for domestic service and farm work.

They boasted of being thoroughly acquainted with the characteristics of the various African tribes brought to America by Dutch slave traders, and displayed in the newspapers elaborate advertisements of "slaves for sale."

SANG AND DANCED

From the Congo tribe came the best house servants, these traders used to say. The Congo Negro was squat and thick set in body, very gentle and satisfied under any conditions as long as he could sing and dance.

Slaves from the Joloff tribe were also in demand as servants. Edwel Tinker, noted author of that time, described them as possessing straight lithe figures, small hands and feet, and features so exquisite-

ly chiseled that, had it not been for their color, they could have passed as ancient Romans or Greeks.

Slaves from the Guinea Coast of West Africa were offered as the best farm hands. Back in their villages of grass huts deep in the jungles they had evolved a civilization that in many instances surpassed anything the white, yellow or brown people had been able to do in their native haunts.

ENJOYED FREEDOM

These slaves showed signs of progressive traits as early as 1824 when "Free Joe" whose master deeded him a tract of land some 12 or 14 miles from the Memphis suburbs established a colony. He and his people lived there out of the reach of slavery and enjoyed freedom within a stone's-throw of one of the largest slave marts in the world.

But there were in Memphis a large number of whites who were sick of slavery and the tormented souls which it produced. By 1850 there were 318 free Negroes in the Beale Street neighborhood. They were allowed to vote in all the elections and were handicapped by few of the restrictions that confronted free Negroes in other slave sections.

The end of the Civil War brought to the Negro a wider life and a rough type of free-

dom. The shackles were no longer upon his limbs; slavery had been dispelled and conquered and the Negro stood trembling upon the verge of a new life, bright with hope and bounded by shining peaks. With the sweet air of freedom blowing upon him he quickly adjusted himself to the new order.

From 1870 to 1875 it was the only school in the city that offered to the dark children a chance to advance on the road toward honor and culture, for the city did not develop a public school system for colored children until 1875.

NEW SCHOOLS

For about 40 years a twilight period had descended upon the educational opportunities for Negroes in Memphis, which began to lower with the closing of Mrs. Fannie Wright's school, but by the end of 1870, two colleges had risen on and near Beale Street.

These schools at first were but poor representations of real seats of learning, but through the aid of missionary societies and private benefactors they became by 1923 accredited centers of education.

The first of these schools, now LeMoine college, was founded at Beale and Orleans in 1870 by the American Missionary Association based upon a gift of \$25,000 by Julius LeMoine, a noted abolitionist of Washington, Pa. In its first location this institution offered primary and secondary school work. In 1914 it was moved to its present site on Walker Avenue and its curriculum was gradually widened.

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HOWE ESTABLISHED

The other college, Howe, was founded in 1888 by the Revs. William J. McMichael, T. J. Searcy, H. C. Owens and R. N. Countee. Jerome Howe, a white benefactor of Illinois, contributed the site and \$6,000 with which to start a building program. Under the leadership of the late Dr. T. O. Fuller, who became its president in 1902, the institution became an accredited college.

Some mention should be made of a public school established and maintained by private funds even before LeMoine. With George Caldwell as its principal, it was established on Church Street in 1869. Other pioneers in early Negro education were Granville Marcus, B. K. Sampson, Theodore Lott, James Lott, George W. Henderson and Ida B. Wells.

Although it is not generally known, Beale Street produced one of the greatest Negro educators in history, Dr. Mordecai Wyatt Johnson, who started out as a cafe waiter in the old Irquois on Beale near Hernando



L. T. G. W. LEE

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The trio was working with another tailoring firm here in Memphis when they got together and founded B-H-S Custom Tailors, Inc., at its current location on July 10, 1957.

GOOD SERVICE

Backed up by training at Tuskegee and the American

Gentlemen Designing School of New York, Tennessee State and a local firm, BHS embarked upon what some skeptics declared was an idiotic venture which would soon collapse.

But by offering good service to the public, BHS soon expanded into the choir, pulpit and academic robe field and is presently handling business for clients in more than 23 states. Its customers are men and women of all races.

A philosophy which BHS believes is paying dividends is: "Do not trade with us because we are Negroes. If we cannot give you reasonable prices, quality goods, prompt, efficient and courteous service, then we have no place in business."

From its original three employees, BHS now has work

for nine persons and will hire others as business increases.

TRAINING YOUNGSTERS
Visualizing the future, the founders already look forward to the day when their children will take over the firm. A "Junior Executives" club of six children has been organized — some of its members are under 10 — and they come in on Saturdays and have started learning the business from the "ground up."

Said one of the founders, "We are offering such efficient service that many persons are surprised to learn that we are a non-white organization, offering jobs to our own people."

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ROBES THEIR SPECIALTY — Although they make clothes for all occasions, BHS Custom Tailors, Inc., make garments for all occasions at their establishment at 248 Vance ave.

Here employees are seen making choir robes to be sent to many sections of the country. BHS opened for business on July 10, 1957.

Bass To Speak At LeMoyné's Alumni Program

Alumni Day, sponsored annually by the LeMoyné Club of Memphis, will be held this Sunday, Feb. 10, starting at 5 p.m. in Second Congregational Church, Walker and McDowell. Mrs. Ann L. Weathers, president of the club, said the public is invited.

Speaker for the annual event will be Dr. Floyd L. Bass, dean of LeMoyné. He will develop the subject: "The Role of the Negro Private School in the Next Decade."



DR. FLOYD BASS

The program is being sponsored by the men of LeMoyné — graduates and former students. Elmer Henderson is chairman and Joseph Westbrook is his co-chairman.

An all-male LeMoyné Alumni chorus will sing and will be under direction of George McFall of Douglass High school.

A gift to the college will be presented to President Hollis F. Price after Dean Bass' address and a reception will follow in the parish house.

Henderson and Westbrook are urging all alumni and the general public to attend this affair.

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THE YOUNG ADULT

By WHITTIER SENGSTACKE JR.

FIRST LADY OF HAMILTON

At Hamilton High School there has been much stress put on the cultural development of the student. Of course this is not new at Hamilton. This has always been dedicated to the maximum development of the student in every

The lady who has done so much for these cultural programs is Mrs. Ruth Beauchamp. For the last few years she has done much to bring culture to Hamilton High School.

During the past semester, through the efforts of Mrs. Beauchamp, Hamilton was honored to play host to many cultural groups.

When Mrs. Beauchamp came to Hamilton she found a wealth of talent in the students and the teachers, and all they needed was a chance to bring it out and that's exactly what she did.

BOOK SHELF

Much has been said about

the reshaping of Europe, in these discussions one might hear about The Common Market, Italy's progressive North and the films that are coming out of Europe.

Even the European theatre is changing. Much has been said about Europe's "new wave," some authoritative information and much unauthorized information has been put out on this "new wave" of European theatre. One of the best sources of information, to date, is the book "The New Theatre of Europe" an Anthology edited by Robert W. Corrigan.

In this book are stimulating plays that are contributing to the reshaping of ideas about playwrighting and theatre-going in Europe.

In this book Robert Bolt's "A Man For All Seasons"; Notis Peryalis' "Mask of Angels"; Michel de Chelode's "Pentagelize" and Ugo

GOP Dinner Integrated

By RALPH GRIFFITH
Knoxville Journal
Correspondent

Pressure from Republican National Headquarters in Washington has resulted in a Republican dinner Monday night in Memphis being integrated. The Knoxville Journal was told today (Jan. 25).

Lt. George W. Lee, Republican leader in Shelby County and former member of the Republican State Executive Committee, said today he had "unquestionable proof" that the dinner until a few days ago was closed to Negroes and that "they have relented."

The dinner, sponsored by what some are calling the "New Guard" in Shelby Republican politics, featured as speaker, William Miller, national chairman.

"A week ago we were told

Palace of Justice" are the plays in this book.

"The New Theatre of Europe" is a book which theatre-minded persons should be glad to have in their collection.

the dinner would be segregated and that only a colored newspaper man would be admitted," Lee said today. "There is no question that pressure from national headquarters has resulted in the 'Lily White' group relenting."

O. W. Pickett, a veteran party worker, reported to the Journal he had been told he would not be allowed to attend the dinner although he had purchased a \$5 ticket.

"I am a member of the Republican Association," Pickett said, "and have a ticket to the dinner. I called the association office last week and was told that the only colored which would be admitted would be the Negro press. I am going to the dinner if they will let me in because I feel, as a Republican, that I should hear the national chairman to stay informed on party matters."

Miller was originally scheduled to speak at Hotel Peabody on Jan. 17, but the dinner was delayed and it was reported that he had the "flu."

Dan Kuykendall, chairman

of the recent Republican campaign and a leader in arranging for the dinner, emphatically denied Wednesday that the dinner was segregated.

"Mr. Pickett did call and he was told that it would be open to Negroes," Kuykendall said. "The dinner will absolutely not be segregated. This has happened before. Mr. Lee tells his people to stay away and then they charge that it is segregated."

"This movement in Shelby County by the Republicans is not a fly-by-night thing," he continued, "but it is one of middle class and upper middle class citizens who see an opportunity to build the party."

Kuykendall was manager of the campaign that barely missed electing Robert James as Republican Congressman from Tennessee's Ninth District. Rep. Clifford Davis, Democrat, was returned to Washington by a narrow margin.

Many political observers believe James failed to be elected because the New Guard group had previously alienated the Republican Negro vote in Memphis. Leader of this group for a quarter of a century has been Lee.

"This new faction is definitely 'Lily White' and founded by disgruntled Democrats and Republicans who do not represent the philosophy on which the party was built," Lee charged.

"I have been bombarding national Republican leaders with letters," Lee continued, "pointing out that some are

Memphian Arrives At European Base

SPANGDAHLE AB, Germany — Airman First Class Amos Armour of Memphis, Tenn., has arrived here for assignment with a unit of the United States Air Forces in Europe.

Airman Armour, an administrative specialist, attended

Booker T. Washington High school. He is the son of Mrs. Corine Armour of 87 W. Illinois, Memphis.

The airman and his wife, Beatrice, formerly of 1216 Englewood in Memphis, have five children.

trying to build a party in the South based on segregation.

"This movement in Shelby County is definitely a 'Lily White' group," he said, "and I have learned that there have been several cancellations for the dinner since it was integrated."

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NOTTINGHAM, England — (UPI) — The County Council proposed clinics for expectant fathers as well as mothers to help eliminate old wives' tales about rearing children.



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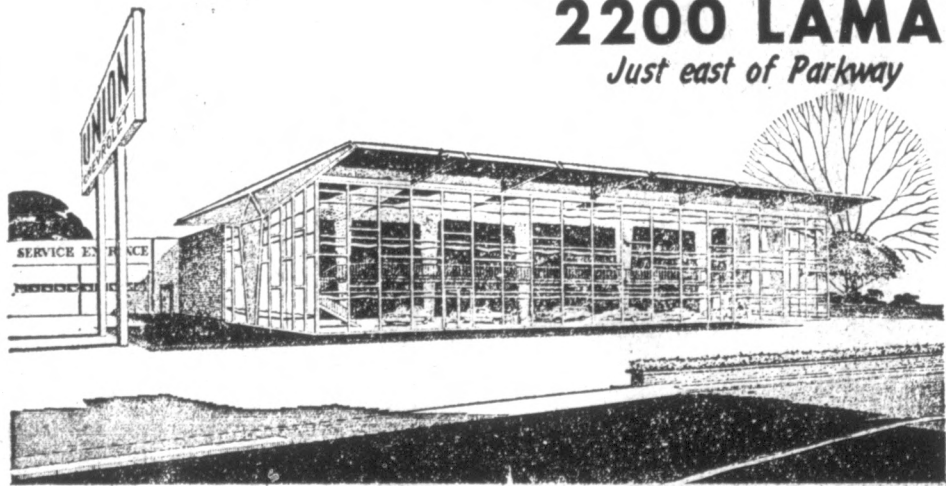


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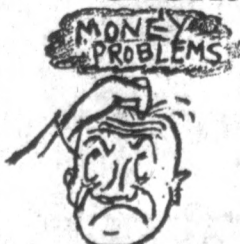
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SPORTS HORIZON

MAGICIANS TAKE PAIR

LeMoyné, with high scoring David Gaines back in the saddle, swept past Alabama A & M and Stillman in Bruce Hall last Friday and Saturday nights to finish the week with two victories against one setback. The lone reversal was a road loss to Will Shaw and Lane college in Jackson, Tennessee, last Tuesday night.

The Shaw-led Dragons dumped favorite LeMoyné in the last five seconds on a great second effort by the NAIA scoring champ. The native Jacksonian shot and missed, then hustled for the rebound and sank it for the 91-89 upset victory.

The Magicians, in an earlier game on their home floor, had handled Lane rather handily, despite Shaw's 34 points. This time, Shaw playing on the Merry High hardwood where he had starred for four years, added five to his first game total and his mates contributed more in putting the skids under the high flying visitors.

A & M LOSS AVENGED

Back home in the friendly atmosphere of Bruce Hall, LeMoyné hiked its season record to 12-4 with just four home games left to play.

Alabama A & M, the first team to upend LeMoyné early in the season, could do no better than to stay close in the return contest as the Mad Magicians gained revenge with a 79-71 conquest.

Gaines celebrated his return to action before the home crowd by assuming a familiar role of leading the LeMoyné attack with 21 points. James Gordon bucketed 17, Dick Dumas 16 and Monroe Currin 11 to give LeMoyné balanced scoring.

The Alabamians didn't give Currin, LeMoyné's top scorer, much room to maneuver, holding the Halls, Tennessee star far below his season average. The visitors' Ira Mims dropped in 24 markers to lead all point-makers.

STILLMAN BOMBED OUT

Stillman of Tuscaloosa became the fourth Alabama opponent for LeMoyné in its last five games. The pace was slowed down from its first encounter which produced a 11 aggregate but once again LeMoyné outlasted Stillman.

Good team scoring was responsible for LeMoyné's hanging up an 86-70 victory over Stillman. Robert Hambric, Gordon, Gaines, and Currin all hit in double figures. Currin's 19 was more than Gaines and Gordon.

BENEDICT, FISK HERE

Friday night and Monday local cage buffs will have an opportunity to see two of the tougher SIAC quintets when Benedict of Columbia, South Carolina and Fisk University of Nashville, Tennessee, invade.

Benedict, here this weekend, last appeared here when LeMoyné played at Beale Avenue Auditorium. The Bulldogs of Fisk follow the South Carolinians into town. Memphis, with a large contingent of Fiskites, makes this one of

top games on the LeMoyné schedule.

OWEN HOSTS A&I

The Tennessee A&I Junior Varsity is scheduled to match baskets with Owen Junior College in a two game weekend series. Carver will be the site for a Friday night game with the two teams moving to Washington's gym for the Saturday-night struggle.

State will have four former local, prep stars on its roster. Sherman Yates, Charles Powell and Willie Ward are former Washingtonians. MacArthur Roberts is a high scorer from Carver.

Owen's Coach Bob Grider has appeared here with TSU before gaining his degree last year.

MI'S GLASS TOUGH

Around Holly Springs, Mississippi, and especially Mississippi Industrial College the word it that Glass is hard to crack. The reference it to M. I.'s high scoring guard, Earl Glass who sports a 38.2 scoring average.

M.I. captured two victories last week, defeating arch rival Rust, 73-68, and Paul Quinn of Waco, Texas, 75-62. Glass, a senior from Philadelphia, Mississippi, pumped in 37 points in each contest.

The I. H. Watts coached Tigers had to come from behind to defeat Rust. Memphis Maurice Tucker of Douglass High, is the starting Rust center. James Patterson of Washington, is a Bearcat reserve.

M. I. is planning a gigantic affair when they take on Philander Smith of Little Rock, February 15th, and a special invite goes out to the school's alumni clubs.

Club Sans' Pariel Elects Officers

Club Sans' Pariel elected officers for 1963 during a recent meeting in the Education Department of the Elk Lodge, 401 Beale St.

Elected president for another term was Mrs. Roberta L. P. Owens. Other officers include: Mrs. Pauline Brown, vice president; Mrs. Geneva Bennett, assistant vice president and business manager; Mrs. Ophelia McFadden, financial secretary; Mrs. Elnora Dostrey, general secretary; Mrs. Pearl Stevenson, treasurer; Mrs. Lois Armstrong, receptionist and William Thomas, advisor.

Installing the officers was Frank Scott, district deputy of the Elks lodge. Host and hostess to the meeting were William Thomas, also an Elk, and Mrs. Erma Stidum, daughter ruler of the Annie S. Church Temple of the Elks.

A buffet was served immediately after the ceremony. Among guests were Mrs. Jimmie Lee Mosby of Chicago, Ill., Noble Gatlin, Larry West, William Brown, Howard Jackson, president of the Bluff City and Shelby County Council of Civic club; Herman Taylor and Anderson Stevenson.

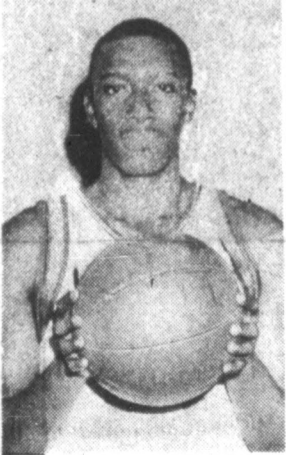


Percy Milligan, assistant professor of mathematics, Southern university, is shown at the 407 line printer of the computer complex at Southern. Milligan, a native of Memphis, Tenn., is one of four persons on the campus who can program the machine. He was invited to the University of Miami to study the program process on the computer this last summer. He also studied at this institution on a National Science Foundation Grant. The complex consist of the key punch, 407 line printer, 622 card reader and the 1620. It is rented by the University at a cost of \$18,000 a year.

LeMoyné's Magicians To Meet Fisk's Bulldogs Homecoming Game Here To Attract Big Crowd

Three more home games are on LeMoyné College's basketball schedule, including the homecoming contest Monday night, Feb. 11, which will throw the Magicians against Fisk University's Bulldogs.

Alumni of both schools will help pack Bruce Hall for homecoming which will feature the crowning of Miss Homecoming during halftime. The lucky coed is selected by members of LeMoyné's basketball squad. The Magicians take on a



VERTIES SAILS

Accurate Eye—Verties Sails, a junior of Memphis, is one of the dependable substitutes on LeMoyné's varsity basketball team. He has a good eye and is an excellent team man.

Lions Meet Melrose, Warriors This Week

Booker T. Washington scored three victories, Father Bertrand, Carver and Douglass also hit the victory column; however, it was the record basket-blasting of James Sandridge that gave Melrose a 117-65 over Geeter in a non-league affair that produced the real fireworks in games played last week.

Sandridge, a slim six footer in just his second full season as a senior guard, burned the nets for 69 record shattering points. There are no official records of who held the record, but Elbert Parrish of Douglass, Pete Gray of Washington and James Mason of Woodstock have hit near and over the 50 point total.

Certainly Sandridge left no doubt as he soared well over the threesome's past records.

Coach Willie Collins of Melrose, ironic enough, is the holder of the Prep League scoring record. Collins, while playing on four consecutive city championship teams at Washington, set the mark with

46 points in 1951, when the Warriors swamped of all teams, Melrose, 112-54. BTW CREEPS UPWARD Despite a near upset by Douglass, Washington came out unscathed in three league encounters last week to pull into a second place tie with Melrose.

With scores tied 49 all, and a minute left to play, LeRoy Weakley intercepted a pass and drove for the basket that helped to down Douglass 53-51, at Washington. Douglass knotted the score again, but the Warriors' Ronald Ester sank two clutch free throws with 30 seconds remaining to clinch the win.

At Hamilton the next day, the Wildcats felt the force of Washington's momentum, losing to the Warriors, 79-48.

The Warriors toyed with Manassas while winning 69-64. Wesley Mitchell, who scored 30 points, was the big gun in Manassas' 37 point second half surge.

Carver divided a pair of

gap between her last outing against Hamilton. The Lions are also faced with a tough game Friday night with Washington. Both games should go a long way in determining the league champ. The long lay-off may be one that will be contests in other games during the week.

Two From Hampton Teach In W. Africa

HAMPTON, Va. — Dr. William H. Martin, dean of faculty at Hampton Institute, announced the appointment of two additional teachers to the Hampton-staffed rural training school in Sierra Leone, West Africa.

They are Forrest J. Parks, instructor of carpentry and crafts, now on the faculty of Agricultural and Technical College in Greensboro, N. C., and Montez Fortenberry, instructor in masonry and crafts, formerly with Alcorn A. & M. College at Lorman, Miss.

ing the week with Manassas and Bertrand. The Cobras had little trouble in a 63-29, triumph over Manassas, but were upset by Bertrand 56-44.

Douglass defeated Woodstock 62-50 on the Red Devils' floor in their lone victory of the week.

LEAGUE STANDINGS:		
	W	L
Lester	6	1
Melrose	6	2
Washington	9	3
Douglass	6	4
Carver	6	5
Bertrand	3	6
Manassas	2	9
Hamilton	0	9

Top Scorers—Sch. G. P. A.		
Sandridge—Mel.	8	184 23.0
Jones—Lester	6	107 17.5
Smith—Mel.	8	133 16.5
Weakley—BTW	11	166 15.1
Todd—Bert.	9	135 15.0
Thomas—Mel.	8	120 15.0
Samuels—Bert.	9	128 14.2
Shelton—Doug.	10	134 13.4
Gilliland—Carver	11	141 12.9
Turner—Carver	11	127 11.6
Mitchell—Man.	11	183 16.7

long remembered by the eager Lions.

LeMoyné's Magicians To Meet Fisk's Bulldogs

Bulldogs gave LeMoyné a boost in its SIAC standings. The Memphis team now owns seven victories against four losses in conference play.

The Magicians might be called amazing because they pulled off a boner after boner Friday night and yet beat one of the toughest teams in the conference.

It was an exciting game and the fastest of the season. The contest was over at 9:30.

It was the first home appearance this season for David Gaines, the senior guard, who thrilled the crowd with his circus-like shots. The tight defense thrown up by Alabama A&M stalled the point-making for the Magicians and a sweet victory too because the A&M boys gave LeMoyné a 91-85 licking back in December down in Alabama.

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Gaines was top scorer Friday night with 21, followed by Gordon, 17; Dumas, 16; Currin, 11; Herenton, 9; Wright, 4; and Hambric, 1. Top man of the night was Ira Mims with 24 for Alabama A&M.

LeMoyné came right back Saturday night and defeated a stubborn Stillman College from Tuscaloosa, 86-70, to up its overall record for the season to 12 victories against four losses.

The 210-pound Gordon was the mighty man on defense for LeMoyné in the Saturday night tilt, and Currin, Gaines, Dumas and Hambric kept the lights changing on the scoreboard for the magicians.

Stillman's concert band and 8-girl dance team entertained at halftime.

In the Stillman contest, Currin was high with 19, followed by Gordon and Gaines, each with 18; Hambric, 16; Dumas, 9; Herenton, 4, and Wright, 2.

James Gordon, the master of the backboard, played what might have been his best game ton and Jerome Wright were tops defensively.

Robert Hambric, the reliable ball handler, turned in a good game and was just what the doctor ordered when LeMoyné went into a near-freeze in the

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(Editor's Note: One of the most thrilling American success stories is that of Robert S. Abbott, founder of the Chicago Defender, as related by the late Roi Ottley in his book, "The Lonely Warrior." This chapter from the book deals with Abbott's parents and offers a rare view of life during slave days.)

By ROI OTTLEY

Near Christ Church, a tall, gleaming shaft of white Quincy granite stands at the entrance to Fort Frederica, situated on St. Simons Island—one of the coastal islands lying six miles off Georgia. The column, neatly enclosed by a grilled iron fence painted black, was erected at a cost of \$1,600 by Robert S. Abbott as a monument to a slave he never knew: his father, Thomas Abbott.

The site was chosen by the descendants of Tom's master, who buried him in 1869 with Christian ceremony, because he had been a faithful slave belonging to Captain Charles Stevens. Robert's father was a house servant, and as such was interred after the custom of the period in the Stevens burying ground.

This was a distinction in those days given only to respected retainers. Most of the Stevens slaves were buried by their own people in a "Negro burial ground," about a mile distant from the Stevens mansions; the place was actually situated in the next town of Harrington adjacent to "Obligation Pond"—so called because slave converts were baptized in its waters. Had Tom been buried there, in all likelihood Robert would never have found his grave, because his people followed the African custom of not placing name markers on graves; instead, used only personal articles of identification. Today this cemetery is merely a clearing with a few mounds and scattered personal effects to indicate the remains of perhaps a thousand slaves. Not until 1928, when the Stevens descendants replied to Robert's inquiry and pointed out the precise site of Tom's interment, did he know where his parent lay and where to erect the shaft in his memory.

It was a tenderly strange moment.

He alone had made the pilgrimage to Frederica. He alone witnessed the erection, performed by white stonemasons of the Oglethorpe Marble and Granite Company of Savannah.

As a final gesture of commemoration, he reverently placed a wreath at the foot.

Robert afterwards dutifully wrote his mother asking her approbation—and she replied that he had behaved as a good son. But there was a singular detachment about the way she responded that is worth noting. He perhaps sensed this, and later begged his sister Rebecca to travel to St. Simons Island and report back to his mother what she had seen.

I talked about Robert and his people with the descendants of Captain Stevens—wives of George, Elliott and Forman Stevens—three old ladies who now reside in Harrington. They spoke proudly of their heritage, and were able to buttress their jointly told story with family records. They knew intimately all the complicated relationships involving the Abbotts, and had followed Robert's career with the satisfaction of parents.

According to their account, grandfather Captain Charles Stevens had gone abroad as a young man and married a Lady Sarah Dorothy Hall in England, and sometime in the 1840's brought her back to Frederica to live on the plantation his father had established in 1784.

The man who was to become Robert's father was the Stevens' butler. He was a black, well-proportioned man, with what was described as presence, and major-domo of the household. He had complete charge of the male servants—waiters, coachmen, gardeners, body servants, handymen and errand boys. Mornings he wore a swallow-tailed coat; and evenings, an embroidered silk jacket, with his shoes highly polished.

He was a fine figure of a man, proudly so, and perhaps envied by every slave on the plantation. His manners were always courteous, dignified, sometimes even elegant. He was said to have had a subtle instinct for social status among white people—an instinct repeated in his son. He was, in fact, the most trusted member

of the household, but often a tyrant to the black servants.

Service in the Big House, as distinguished from field labor, was a family privilege conferred on Robert's folks, positions descending from father to son, from mother to daughter. Thus, his uncle Randolph was the body servant of Captain Stevens and, was held accountable for his master's safety, whether he was hunting, fishing, gambling, or involved in drinking bouts; his uncle George was the coachman and doubled as gardener; his aunt Celia was Mrs. Stevens' personal maid; his aunt Mary was the nurse; and his youngest aunt, Charlotte, intruding to men as she was disturbing to women, was capriciously banished to the fields. Even so, as trusted servants, the Abbotts took pride in the Stevens establishment, often rejoicing when guests praised the service or appearance of the Big House.

Except for Christine, Robert's folks were pampered and spoiled, albeit slaves—indeed, it is unlikely that their condition was as desperate as Fanny Kemble, noted English actress who married Pierce Butler and came to live on his plantation, described in her "Journal of Residence on a Georgia Plantation." Her neighbor, Captain Stevens, a rational and light-hearted man, perhaps had observed early that mild indulgences, such as permitting them to attend church services and to learn to read and write, was the only method for dealing with slaves—especially those with Robert's folk's sort of background.

The Abbotts evidently were of Ibo stock. Newspaper advertisements of slave auctions indicate that the slave cargoes arriving at St. Simons Island came mainly from the West African areas, and contained mostly people of the Ibo country (now part of Nigeria), who were noted in Africa for their independence, initiative, political sense and love of travel—characteristics Robert displayed.

St. Simons lore abounds with tales about them. One concerns their first arrival at Dunbar Creek, near the center of the island. The slave trade had been legally abolished by the Federal government in 1808, but gangs like the Blackbirders imported Negroes from Africa, secretly landed on the isolated island, and eventually smuggled them into the Savannah slave markets. As one shipload neared land, rather than be sold into slavery, the Ibo captives jumped overboard singing and were drowned. Today on moonlight nights—so the legend goes—their bodies may be seen tossing in the waters there, and their chants may be heard whispering through the moss-fringed trees.

No one on St. Simons Island ever forgot the telegraphic dispatch of Friday evening, April 12, 1861, which announced that the Charleston batteries had opened fire on Fort Sumter. By morning, citizens and slaves alike had been alerted by the alarming news. Not long afterwards Captain Stevens, now middle-aged and somewhat infirm, impetuously joined the Confederate Army. Like all affluent Southerners, he took along his body servant, Robert's uncle Randolph, to wash his clothes, polish swords and boots, cut his hair, oil guns and groom his horse. Between these chores, Randolph even had a fling at the fighting.

When the news reached one old slaveholder, he wrote to his own son thus: "I hear you are likely to have a big battle soon, and I write to tell you not to let Sam go into the fighting with you. Keep him in the rear, for that nigger is worth a thousand dollars."

Randolph survived, but Captain Stevens was captured early and died of pneumonia in a Union prison camp somewhere in Virginia. Randolph, now left to his own devices, enlisted in the Confederate Army and served for the duration as a private in Company F, First Regiment of the Georgia Reserves, commanded by Colonel William R. Symons. When Randolph was mustered out, he was entitled to \$50 back pay which he never received, but he was afterwards qualified to receive a Federal government pension as a Confederate veteran.

Sherman soon swept into the little community, carrying the triumphant word of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. The Stevens folk escaped to the safety of kinfolk on the



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mainland, and in the confusion left the slaves unsupervised. There was little time for reflection, but Tom, aware of his inherited responsibilities and loyalties, lost no time in bulldozing the house servants into carrying on their daily routines.

They cared for the Big House with all its valuables and sentimental contents. When Tom heard the Yankees were approaching, he folded the Stevens silver in a dark cloth, carefully tied it into a bundle and dropped the package into a well for safe-keeping. Then he dug holes in isolated parts of the plantation and buried the family's Willow China, heirlooms which Lady Sarah had brought from England; and he afterwards had the valuable pieces of furniture moved to the slave quarters where they might escape the eyes of the Union troops.

When the Stevens people returned—they found everything intact, even to every piece of polished silver. The bond between master and slave was often second only to that of husband and wife or parent and child. But Tom undoubtedly held in contempt by his fellow slaves, particularly the field hands. Even so, this unusual conduct, which provided the Abbotts with a reputation for honesty and faithfulness, and found reflection in the behavior and dealings of Robert, persists in the locality to this day.

Robert's father soon shed the plantation like a loose garment. Now between forty and fifty years old, he nevertheless felt urgently compelled to leave the island, if only for a few days or weeks, so he might feel he was actually a free person. He was unmarried and had neither chick nor child. He assumed his full name, Thomas Abbott, though he was not vain enough to decorate it with a high-sounding middle name or initial after the fashion of ex-slaves and joined the pellmell rush to Savannah. Upon arrival, he headed for the grogshops and fleshpots. Freedom, as an emotion, was indeed a fact, and movingly felt, but freedom as a complex of duties, responsibilities and restraints was yet in the future. Liberty had simply meant license to the ex-slave.

Tom could have established himself in St. Simons, because with a cabin and land to start each Abbott was provided a new life. Robert's uncle Randolph, who had seen much of the country as a soldier, was content to marry, settle in Frederica, and raise a family. He had three sons—Joseph, Thomas and Bristol. His grandson Randolph, a bachelor, today operates the Blue Island Tavern on the site of his inheritance; and his grandson Malcolm Lee Abbott, a carpenter and chef who also inherited land, today lives with his wife and eleven children in a wooden frame house, where James Edward Oglethorpe, founder and first governor of Georgia, established his home in 1786.

Robert's aunt Charlotte, who by now had two daughters, Anna and Charlotte, ignored the bequests, married and went to live in Savannah. Mary joined his aunt Celia, a spinster and oldest of the Abbott's, who somehow had purchased her own freedom sometime in 1853 and settled in Savannah. She now operated a thriving hairdressing parlor on South Broad Street catering to white trade exclusively.

Tom, footloose and fancy-free, became something of a playboy. Before long his eyes lighted on Flora Butler, who was to become Robert's mother. She was tall, erect and slender, and wore her black hair in long braids formed into a bun a top her head. Flora worked as a hairdresser at

the Savannah Theatre. Tom soon became a familiar figure there as he kept a nightly vigil before the stage door. Flora was captivated—after all, as a house servant, Tom had affected the manners of the master class. Besides, bedecked in the hand-me-downs of the late Captain Stevens, his appearance was superior to the average Negro's.

A whirlwind courtship was followed by marriage in 1867. Tom secured employment to support his wife, if only briefly, helping to survey the first streetcar line along Broughton and Whitaker Streets. His master had taught him the rudiments of surveying, but there was little such work for a Negro in Savannah. Tom took his newly-won bride back to St. Simons Island. So small were their possessions when they left that they were able to cram them all into one box. They set up housekeeping in Tom's cabin in Frederica, and to earn a livelihood, opened a grocery store catering to ex-slaves.

This was the place where Robert was born.

It was situated about fifty feet from the dusty Frederica Road, within the shadows of century-old massive oak trees dripping with gray moss. The

house was rude, actually a wooden dwelling with dirt floors and a tabby chimney that rose at one end, a type still familiar among old cabins of St. Simons Island. It was so badly constructed as to provide little protection against inclement weather.

The furniture consisted of a few stools, a table, and a mattress made of straw. The front door faced a spacious yard, actually a clearing, where the washing, cooking and gossiping was done, and where Flora played with her first man child. Robert described the place as "comfortable." If, with the perspective of wealth, he was able to return and view the house as such, so much the better was it for his peace of mind.

Flora gave birth to a girl and delighted her husband. Two months later the infant died. But Tom often left his young wife to operate the store by herself while, under the pretext of procuring stocks, he skipped off to the dissipations of the big city. What little money they were able to eke out, he splashed up in Savannah.

He who was destined to become the founder and publisher of the Chicago Defender, gave his first wail in his father's absence. Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1868. Flora was attended by no physician or midwife at his birth, and no Abbott in the neighborhood offered assistance. She went through the convulsions of labor alone, and cut the umbilical cord herself. What she thought of Tom in these moments was hidden in her woman's breast. For not even her devoted son ever became privy to her feelings.

The marriage had shocked the Abbotts, for they undoubtedly believed Robert's mother to be a field hand and consequently far below them in social status. Celia was outraged. Mary considered the union an affront. Charlotte fumed. The Abbotts, as house servants whose ancestry dated back to 1784 and beyond, drew the line against field hands. Not only did the distinction of domestic work give them a feeling of superiority over field Negroes, but it even made them feel superior to poor whites. And now they had up-graded themselves socially in the free society, though they had brought along their slave attitudes.

Moreover, a budding ambition in the family for better things was shown in Randolph's volunteer service in the Confederate Army, and

Celia's entrance into a business of her own; and more important, her decisive role in Savannah, St. Stephens. By now they had developed the contours of a clan, and were listed as a group in the Parish Register of St. Stephens Episcopal Church as the "Abbott Family"—husbands notwithstanding. They soon became openly hostile to Tom's wife.

Robert's mother was born a slave in Savannah Dec. 4, 1847 with a not too prepossessing background—at least, in the eyes of the Abbotts. Her parents, Jacob and Harriet Butler, were born in Portuguese West Africa and brought to this country in their teens.

Flora's father worked with his hands, and this, in the social context of the period, had relatively little prestige. He was a painter and thus a skilled craftsman. His master had encouraged Jacob's development, because he usually brought income through wages. He was usually hired out for from \$200 to \$400 a year. His master kept the wages, but gave Jacob a weekly allowance. Jacob's skills enabled him to enjoy a remarkable amount of freedom and even permitted him to do extra work on his own. He eventual-

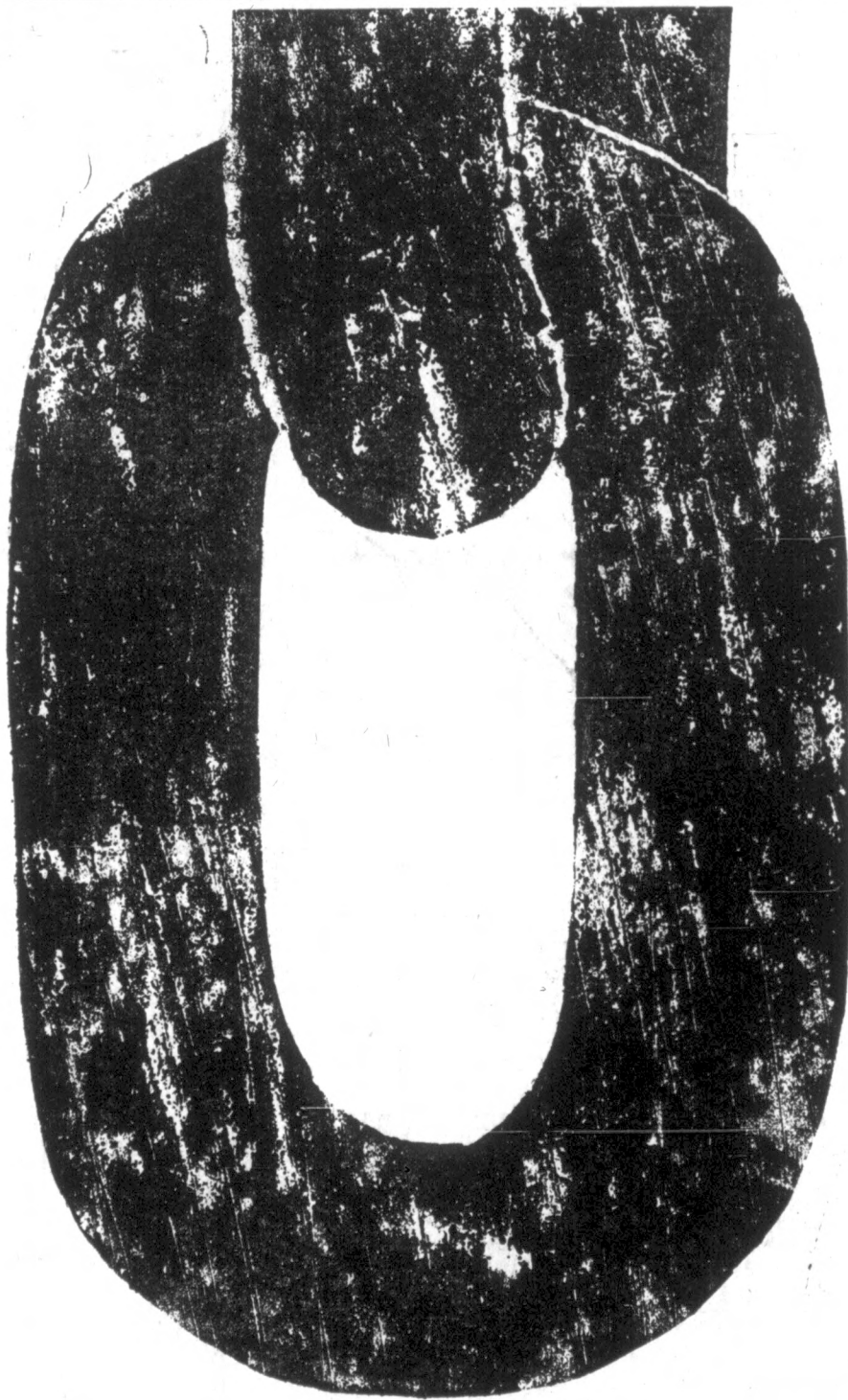
ly saved sufficient money to buy his freedom, and subsequently the freedom of his wife and children.

If the background of Robert's mother differed markedly from the Abbotts, it was a difference in degree, not in kind. Whereas Tom, along with his brothers and sisters, was taught to read and write by his master, and was given special privileges as a slave and a stake to start life as a free person, Flora, according to her son Robert's account, had to shift for herself.

She had, by painstaking personal effort, tried learning to write by placing tissue paper over the nameplates on people's doors and tracing the letters in pencil. As a free person, she had briefly attended a secret school for slaves, conducted by a Mrs. Dellamorter. Flora left home at five o'clock in the morning, and always carried a bucket of some sort to make it appear she was working or attending an errand; for the slightest suspicion that she was receiving schooling would have been cause enough to return her to

The school was such that she received only the rudiments of reading and writing.

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"... a way is open to welfare and happiness to all who will resolutely pursue that way."

FREDERICK DOUGLASS, 1817-1895,
American Negro orator and journalist.

